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BLANTYRE LIFE

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**Blantyre LIFE care facility
specify Gerflor for iconic
project.**

When a brand-new care facility just south of Glasgow, Scotland required a complete solution for its project interiors, the Architect at South Lanarkshire Council turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply a vast range of products that would future proof the clients building for many years to come.

This included Gerflor's world class Taralay, Tarasafe & Taraflex vinyl floor coverings, as well as Cityscene Carpets and Gradus Barrier Matting & Accessories.

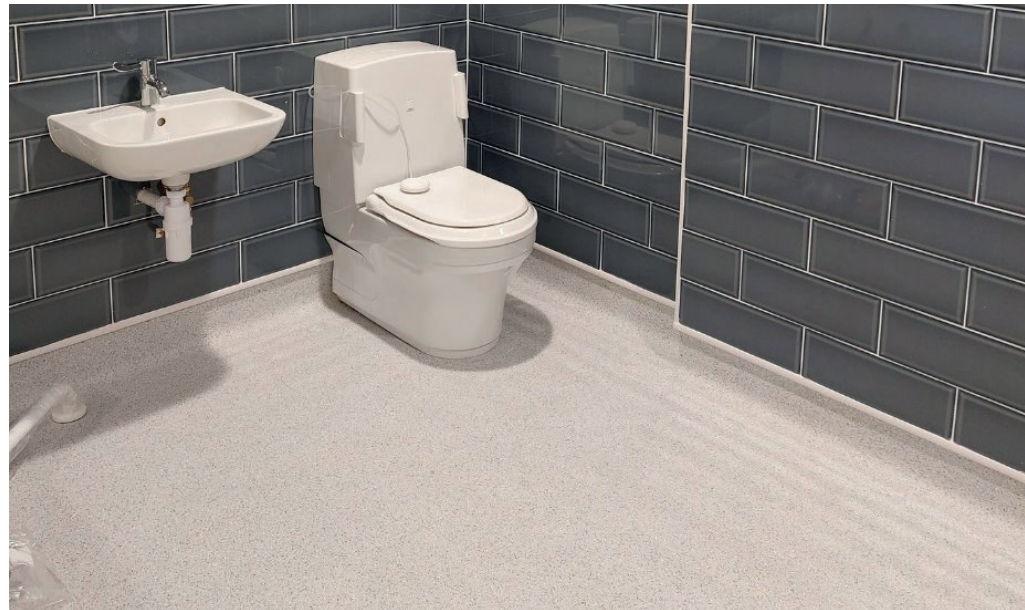
The facility required innovative solutions from one supplier for many applications ranging from bedrooms, communal areas, offices, café, corridors, and rehab gym. The new facility benefits from dedicated staff with a background of various professional disciplines who together, are committed to promoting the independence of service users so that they can return to their own homes as safely, as confidently and as quickly as possible.

It combines a 20-bed intermediate care facility, a centre of excellence and 20 new technology enabled properties, all equipped with state-of-the-art telecare systems to support independent living. A key innovation is the interactive Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Zone designed in collaboration with Glasgow Science Centre. The TEC Zone demonstrates how technology can play a crucial role in supporting people to live safely, independently, and happily at home. Stephen Breslin, Chief Executive Officer of Glasgow Science Centre said: "The team were delighted to have the opportunity to work on this groundbreaking project for housing and social care."



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“Our expertise in exhibition design, coupled with the passion and vision of colleagues at South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, allowed us to develop the new TEC Zone which showcases how technology can be used to make day to day living easier and safer by giving service-users the opportunity to learn how to navigate their way through a tech-enabled home.”

Steven Simpson, Managing Director of The Cruden Group, who built the new housing and care campus said: “This has been a fantastic collaboration to deliver exceptional, technology-enabled homes that will allow older people to live more independently.”

“The state-of-the-art homes and care campus have been built to the highest standards to be warm, comfortable and highly energy-efficient and right in the heart of the community.”

Maggie Smith, Scotland Team Leader, Gerflor commented, “Our initial conversations took place with Thomas Tallan at South Lanarkshire Council back in 2019 / 2020. Thomas was looking to specify products throughout the entire building and came to me asking for advice for both vinyls’ initially and possibly carpets for the Community and Care facility.”

Maggie Smith added, “He was familiar with Gerflor vinyl products and confident with them, however with the integration of Gerflor and Gradus, we could offer him the full package all under one roof.” Maggie Smith also said, “The centre of excellence on the ground floor included a TEC Zone which the Glasgow Science Centre were involved in. We needed a hard-wearing vinyl with good acoustic ratings for this busy area. The café lent itself to Tarasafe Impression Wood and Mineral as a decorative safety floor. The rehab gym at Blantyre LIFE is used by a host of different disciplines including physiotherapists and occupational therapist patients, and we needed to offer a product which would protect the users if they fell during their rehab treatment. Using Taraflex Performance offered excellent shock absorption qualities in case of falls. The curved area would be a bit of a challenge as the vinyl floors are different thicknesses. We specified Gradus ETR Trims as a solution as they can be curved on site and without specialised equipment to create this detail which overcame the difference in thickness to create a flush floor detail.”

Thomas Tallan Architectural Officer South Lanarkshire Council said, “South Lanarkshire Council is committed to providing the best possible care and

support for older people.” Continuing to comment on the project Thomas Tallan said, “To that end the Council committed to building a replacement care facility which offers a range of flexible services on site which will provide greater opportunities to meet changing demands, needs and expectations. Blantyre LIFE provides new opportunities including the development of an intermediate care service to support people’s recovery and rehabilitation, allowing them to return to their own home or an appropriate setting.”

Craig Stockman, Contracts Director at McGarry Flooring said, “The project came about through competitive tendering with the Gerflor and Gradus products being specified by the Architects at South Lanarkshire Council. On site we had four to six fitters involved in all aspects of the project including the sheltered and social housing development. We started on site in March 2022 and completed the project in September 2022.”

Craig Stockman ended by saying, “We would definitely choose to work with Gerflor and Gradus products again. The design in the main area looks spectacular. Also, the site team at Cruden Buildings were excellent and contributed overall to a successful project.”

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