

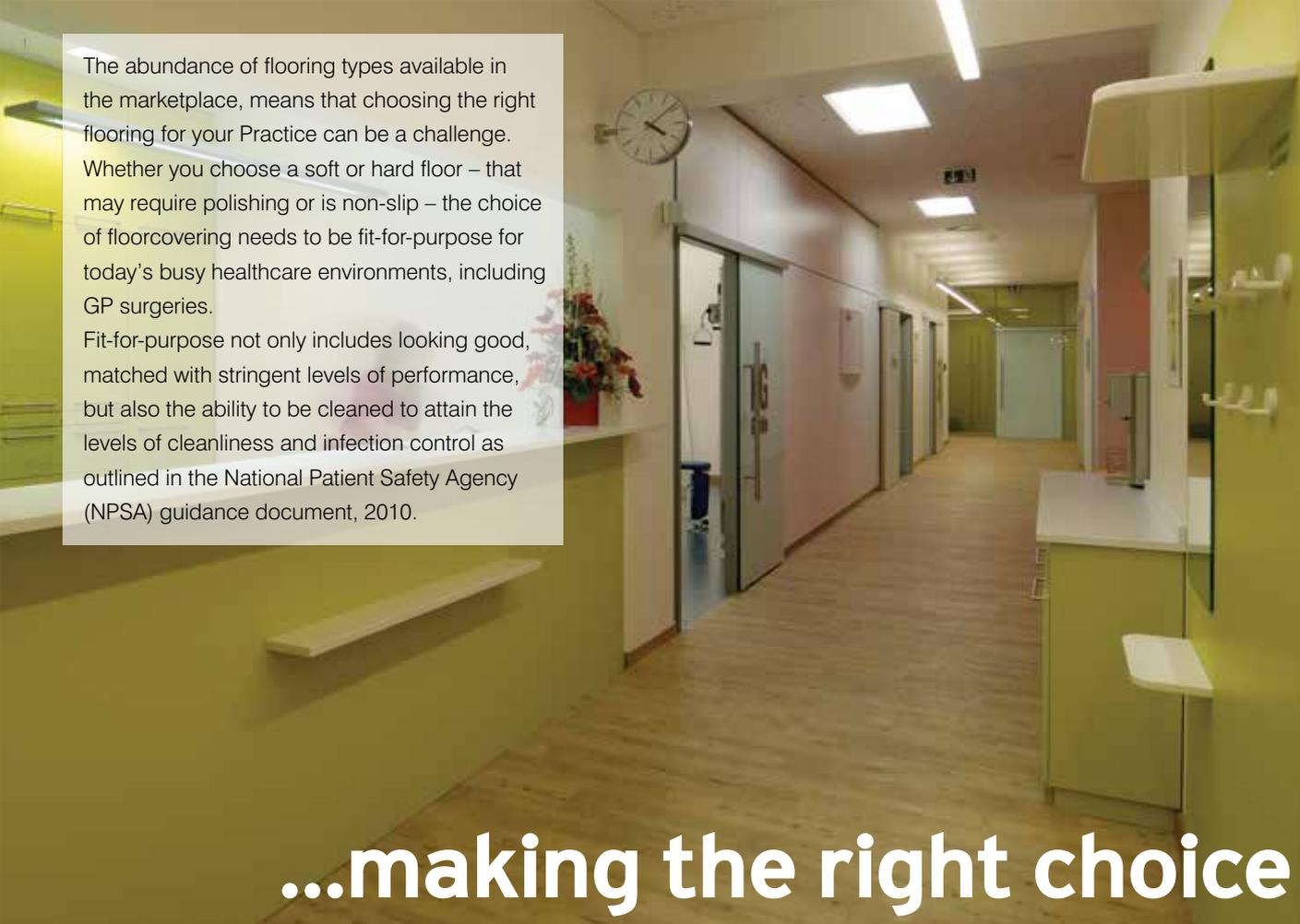
FLOORING SOLUTIONS FOR TODAY'S
Modern Health Centres



Polyflor in Healthcare

The abundance of flooring types available in the marketplace, means that choosing the right flooring for your Practice can be a challenge. Whether you choose a soft or hard floor – that may require polishing or is non-slip – the choice of floorcovering needs to be fit-for-purpose for today's busy healthcare environments, including GP surgeries.

Fit-for-purpose not only includes looking good, matched with stringent levels of performance, but also the ability to be cleaned to attain the levels of cleanliness and infection control as outlined in the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) guidance document, 2010.



...making the right choice

CQC Registration

From 1 April 2013, under the Health & Social Care Act 2008, all providers of NHS General Practice in England, must be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Part of the registration requires demonstrating compliance with the CQCs “**Essential Standards**” of quality and safety whereby “people should be cared for in a clean environment and protected from risk of infection” (Outcome 8: cleanliness and infection control).

This may of course mean different things for different Practices depending upon how they operate. Locally decisions will be made by GPs, nurses and practice managers about monitoring and auditing cleaning frequencies and procedures, collating evidence of compliance for the CQC.

A clean environment inspires confidence for both patients and staff. In many cases there will be a need to ensure current cleaning standards and protocols are maintained, as well as looking at new ways to tackle new infections.

Hygiene Critical Solutions

As a leading commercial vinyl flooring supplier to the Healthcare sector over many years, Polyflor has experience of supplying hygienic flooring solutions across the healthcare spectrum. Whether it be a major hospital development or a local walk-in centre, Polyflor is able to offer high quality, high performing ranges with cleaning processes that are both cost-effective and as straightforward as possible.



Improving the quality of the care environment

Acoustix Forest fx PUR has been installed in waiting rooms at the Sheffield Children's Hospital. This heterogeneous vinyl sheet flooring has been designed for areas which require impact noise reduction of 19dB.

Chosen for its non-clinical look, that gives a warm, somewhat homely appeal to the environment, Acoustix Forest fx PUR was chosen for this location as it features a polyurethane reinforcement to facilitate a lifelong, polish-free maintenance regime whereby the consumption of energy, water and chemicals is significantly reduced. Awarded a BRE A+ rating – the highest rating achievable - gives the end user the added assurance that the best environmental practice is incorporated into the building.





About vinyl

Vinyl is a cost effective multi-faceted plastic – a necessity in everyday life due to its flexibility, durability, performance and functionality.

As the only UK-based manufacturer of a full range of commercial vinyl floorcoverings, Polyflor continues to be able to offer 'best value' flooring solutions where high quality and high performance are a given.



The versatility of vinyl

Polyflor vinyl flooring is available in an extensive range of looks, textures and performance properties. Due to its hardwearing, water-resistant nature, and ease of cleaning, vinyl is often the product of choice for many of today's modern healthcare facilities.

Vinyl flooring types

- Homogeneous
- Heterogeneous
- Sheet, tile, plank
- Varying thicknesses & lengths
- Acoustical, static control, slip-resistance properties
- Colour & decoration
- Wood, stone, marble, abstract designs
- Maintenance enhancements (dressing, cleaning)

Vinyl flooring features & benefits

- Smooth or textured finish
- Durable & wear resistant
- Good quality, high performance
- Washable, wipeable
- Impervious to fluids
- Weldable & joints can be sealed
- Coved up walls and capped

A safer option

Vinyl is the most thoroughly researched, tested plastic, meeting all relevant international health and safety standards.

A greener option

Vinyl is an environmentally sound choice. It is exceptionally energy efficient to manufacture and due to its incredible durability, it has a long service life, greatly reducing short-term replacements and subsequent energy consumption.

As a material it is ideally suited to being recycled. It is 100% recyclable and can be recycled many times over without losing any of its performance properties.

Polyflor is a founding and funding member of Recofloor, the industry's vinyl take-back scheme for recycling end of life post consumer vinyl flooring.

The Recofloor scheme that was in operation on the Royal Victoria Infirmary site, completed in 2010, diverted 19 tonnes of waste flooring (equivalent to around 6000m²) from landfill. Following collection, it was recycled at the Polyflor production site in Manchester directly into new flooring.



Polysafe - the complete safety flooring solution

Fully HSE compliant, with slip resistance assured for the guaranteed life of the product, the Polysafe safety flooring collection offers an array of products with a level of performance, quality and hygiene second to none that can be welded to prevent dirt ingress.



...a clean floor is a healthy floor

Sustainable good looks that cost you less



Ease of maintenance has always been a key criterion in the selection of any floorcoverings and a regular and well planned cleaning schedule will help keep the flooring in pristine condition, ultimately improving the life expectancy of the floorcovering.

Effective maintenance not only has aesthetic and environmental benefits, it also ensures floor performance and prevents undue wear and hygiene problems.

Anything that can be done to make cleaning easier and reduce costs can have a significant impact on facility management budgets and so many Polyflor ranges benefit from enhanced formulations in relation to maintenance that can generate significant life cycle cost savings.



Homogeneous
PU family



Homogeneous
PUR family



Polysafe
PUR family



Polysafe
Supratec PUR

Best practice

Different locations within a general practice surgery have distinct flooring requirements, dependent upon their use and activity.

It is important to regularly assess the various locations and be flexible about the maintenance employed in them. However one requirement they all share is the need for the complete floor to be visibly clean, including all edges and corners.



Safe & clean premises

As part of infection control measures and for general cleaning, many healthcare facilities are using steam equipment to sanitize multiple surfaces, including the floor. Polyflor homogeneous and Polysafe safety flooring are suitable for steam cleaning on a periodic basis.

How Polyflor helps you clean up

A tailored maintenance programme can help to provide cost savings without any compromise in cleanliness and hygiene.

Detailed floorcare information is available for all Polyflor ranges, along with an Approved Maintenance product guidance document that lists companies with cleaning products that are suitable for use with Polyflor ranges.

Cleaning hints & tips to encourage best practice

- Regular light maintenance is more cost effective than periodic heavy maintenance and more beneficial to the floorcovering
- Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt
- Do not mix cleaning products from different manufacturers – they may not be compatible
- Do not use products containing pine gel or phenolic acid on Polyflor vinyl flooring

... more can be found at

<http://www.polyflor.com/technical>

Alco-based hand gels

To further encourage hygiene compliance, alco-based hand gels are being made available in all general practice environments. Polyflor homogeneous PUR, heterogeneous PUR and Polysafe safety flooring ranges are compatible for use with the most commonly used alco-based hand gels.





Classic finish for health practice

Over 300m² of vinyl flooring has been installed at the new NHS FirstCare Practice situated in the Blenheim Centre in Hounslow.

FirstCare Practice delivers tailored healthcare to a diverse community with differing health needs and health beliefs while providing an environment where knowledge and experience can be passed on to training medical students and GPs themselves.

Polyflor Classic Mystique PUR was laid in the waiting room and corridor while slip resistant Polysafe Mosaic PUR was installed in the consulting, staff and utility rooms.

Jonathan Everitt, senior designer at Tait Design commented: "We specified this flooring because it complemented the overall modern, clean design we were going for."

"The floorcoverings also met the necessary safety, hygiene and maintenance requirements of a busy health practice."

Classic Mystique PUR can be welded at the seams and to cover skirtings to create continuous, impervious surfaces that offer no sanctuary to dirt and bacteria.



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HSE Report-vinyl safety flooring offers same hygiene levels as smooth flooring RR889

The **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)** has recently issued a report regarding hygiene within the healthcare environment.

View the key conclusions from the study at www.polyflor.com/healthcare

Bevel Line adds beauty to the floor

Luxury vinyl tiles from Polyflor's Bevel Line collection were used to create an eye-catching design at Lavelle's Pharmacy in Killala, County Mayo.

Bevel Line Black Limestone and Limestone tiles were used for the majority of the flooring design, while circles of Polyflor 2000 PUR Sapphire were used to add a splash of colour.

The installation was carried out by Martin Kirton Flooring Installation of Renmore.