Polyflor vinyl flooring was recently used to help refurbish Beechwood Cancer Care Centre in Stockport, Greater Manchester in time to celebrate 25 years of supporting cancer patients.

Affinity 255 heavy commercial luxury vinyl tiles in the Saw Mill Oak design were installed in communal meeting areas at the centre free of charge by Manchester based flooring retailers Pauls Floors with help from other local fitters.

The Beechwood Cancer Care Centre is a charity offering counselling, complementary therapies and group sessions to cancer patients and their families. The centre's refurbishment was possible thanks to the £120,000 raised by the charity's Silver Wing Appeal marking their 25 year anniversary.

Paul Southworth of flooring contractors Pauls Floors commented, "The Beechwood Cancer Care Centre have helped some close friends of ours through a really tough time over the last year hence why we wanted to do what we could. It's an amazing place."
Wood effect flooring from Polyflor’s Forest fx PUR range was used to create an interior inspired by nature for the refurbished Greenlea Oncology Unit at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

The Rustic Oak design from Polyflor’s Forest fx PUR range was fitted throughout the Chemotherapy and Oncology unit based in Ward 7 of the hospital as part of a £2.2m ward improvement scheme. More than 150 patients a week are now being treated in the expanded outpatients’ ward and chemotherapy centre which includes state of the art equipment and eight clinic rooms.

Polyflor’s durable Forest fx PUR vinyl flooring range is a proven performer in busy healthcare environments as it is designed cope with the practical demands of wards with high levels of foot traffic.

Jammal Mohammed, Project Manager at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary comments, “We chose this wood effect design from the Forest fx range and wall artwork featuring beautiful natural scenes to bring a sense of the outdoors into the ward and create a calming, less clinical atmosphere for our patients when they are receiving treatment.”
Healthcare

Royal Bournemouth Hospital
Jigsaw Building
Bournemouth, UK

PRODUCTS USED:
Polysafe Wood fx PUR
Polysafe Modena PUR

Decorative Polysafe safety floor was installed at Royal Bournemouth Hospital’s new Jigsaw Building where the Oncology, Haematology and Women’s Health departments are now based.

2600m² of Polysafe Wood fx PUR and Polysafe Modena PUR sheet vinyl safety flooring was installed by Floorsure (Southern) Ltd of Havant, Hampshire who worked closely with the main contractor Brymor Construction Ltd on this £5.7 million Jigsaw Building project. The design-led safety flooring with built-in slip resistance was fitted throughout circulation areas, corridors, treatment rooms and reception areas.

The use of the high clarity timber effect Polysafe Wood fx in American Oak and neutral toned Polysafe Modena in Gypsum with its sophisticated micro-granite decoration helped provide a homely and less clinical environment in the Jigsaw Building.

Pam Griffiths, Clinical & Commissioning Project Co-Ordinator at Royal Bournemouth Hospital commented,

“Polysafe flooring was the ideal choice for creating a fresh and clean look throughout our new Jigsaw Building that was a step away from the traditional, clinical look. The safety credentials of these floorcoverings give us confidence that we have created a safe environment for both our patients and staff in this new facility.”
Polyflor’s wood effect Forest fx PUR vinyl flooring was chosen by Croydon Health Services NHS Trust to create a welcoming dementia-friendly care zone in two reconfigured wards at Croydon University Hospital.

Designed by IBI Group, the refurbishment of Croydon University Hospital’s wards involved creating a new environment specifically suited to patients who are admitted to hospital and living with dementia. Installed within a new dementia hub, the subtlety and high clarity replication of timber in the American Oak design helped to create a relaxed ambience.

The mid-tone wood flooring design from the Forest fx collection was chosen to contrast appropriately with furniture and wall surfaces, creating a refreshed look that could contribute to less stress and agitation for patients on the ward. The flooring was also installed within ward and circulation areas, activity zones, a quiet room and a sensory zone.

Jeff Moore, Project Manager at Croydon University Hospital commented,

“The flooring is a homely, easy to clean solution and the perfect complement to our bright dementia friendly care zone. The finish of the floor is matt and the tone of the floor is not too dark or too light, helping to avoid patients being distracted so that they become unbalanced. Some of our patients were immediately less anxious when walking around on this replacement floor, contributing to a more peaceful space that offers the comfort and familiarity of home.”

Healthcare

Croydon University Hospital
Croydon, UK

PRODUCTS USED:
Forest fx PUR
Cwmgelli Lodge care facility
Blackwood, UK

PRODUCTS USED:
Forest fx PUR
Polysafe Standard PUR

1700m² of Polyflor’s vinyl flooring was recently used to create a fresh and spacious environment at Cwmgelli Lodge care facility in Blackwood, Wales, a flagship facility designed to positively meet the needs of younger people who have been diagnosed with dementia or cognitive impairment.

Wood effect Forest fx PUR sheet vinyl in American Oak was installed throughout the Lodge’s communal areas, circulation spaces, café and dining areas as well as bedrooms by Floor Furnishings Ltd of Cardiff. Polysafe Standard PUR safety flooring was also installed to provide sustainable wet slip resistance for residents in en suite bathrooms.

Increasing the existing provision for younger people living with dementia, Cwmgelli Lodge provides longer term accommodation for residents, featuring 24 self-contained units split over two floors. Designed by the Seren Group, Cwmgelli Lodge was built in consultation with Andrew Wilson Partnership, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and The Alzheimer’s Society Review Panel.

Stephen Traves, Project Manager at The Seren Group commented,

“With dementia rates across Wales predicted to increase by 31% and by as much as 44% in some rural areas, coupled with increased levels of younger people now receiving a diagnosis, there was a clear need for Cwmgelli to provide a welcoming and modern interior that was a world away from the clinical care environment. The flooring chosen from Polyflor makes a real contribution to the overall space, helping create an airy feel that promotes relaxation and encourages residents to live as independently as possible”
High design and high performance Expona Design luxury vinyl tiles from commercial and residential vinyl flooring manufacturer Polyflor were used to create a modern bistro at the Belong Warrington care village in Cheshire recently.

The £9.5 million state-of-the-art Belong Warrington care village, designed by Pozzoni Architecture Ltd, is a community facility, including village centre amenities, households for residents who require 24 hour dementia and nursing care, and independent living apartments. Since opening, it has been visited by care home owners and designers from all over Europe as an example of excellent care home design. The bistro on the ground floor is open to the public and provides a family friendly environment serving food, drink and snacks.

Wood effect Expona Design luxury vinyl tiles in Light Elm were installed in the bistro, reception area, corridors and also in the village exercise studio. This grey toned wood design features authentic swirled grain detail and a textured surface emboss for added realism. Natural material effects are popular flooring choices for care environments as they are familiar and help create a homely rather than clinical look. The use of the same flooring design throughout the ground floor also aid residents in navigating around the building and ensures they perceive the flooring as a continuous surface.

David Pointon, Business Support Manager at CLS Care Services commented, 

“We’re delighted with the finished look of our bistro. With the installation of this beautiful flooring we’ve been able to create a place where our residents will enjoy spending quality time with their family and friends. The natural look of the flooring is familiar to our residents living with dementia, so it helps to project a relaxing and calming environment, contributing to reduced anxiety levels.”
A variety of Polyflor’s vinyl flooring has been installed extensively across a major redevelopment and conservation project at the Acre Mills Outpatient facility, a Grade II listed former wire mill building in Huddersfield.

In order to expand the inpatient and A&E departments at nearby Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, many of the outpatients departments for the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary have been relocated to the newly renovated Acre Mill which was designed by Jefferson Sheard Architects in Sheffield.

Over 3300m² of Polyflor sheet vinyl flooring from the Forest fx, Pearlazzo, Verona, Hydro Evolve and Finesse SD collections was installed by flooring contractors CMC Flooring of St Helens throughout Acre Mill, providing efficient and attractive floorcoverings for various interior environments with different demands and requirements.

Polyflor’s Forest fx PUR wood effect sheet vinyl in Classic Oak 3100 and Classic Walnut 3230 is installed in waiting rooms, reception areas and corridors to create a warm, welcoming and calming atmosphere for employees and patients. These contrasting shades are used to define seating areas and are combined using waterjet cutting technology to create an inbuilt ramp warning sign in circulation areas.

A variety of treatment rooms throughout Acre Mill are fitted with Pearlazzo PUR flooring in Sailcloth 9719 with contrasting borders and coved skirting in Ocean Ripple 9720. Polysafe Verona PUR safety flooring in Dolphin Grey 5203 shade is installed within all washrooms to provide sustainable slip resistance in these wet areas.
Polysafe Hydro Evolve in Tigris 4257 was another safety floor used throughout changing rooms and shower areas at Acre Mill. Finesse SD flooring in Lodestone 5830 from Polyflor’s ESD collection is fitted in the health centre’s X-ray suite.

Chris Race, Architect at Jefferson Sheard Architects commented,

“On this conservation and regeneration project we wanted to retain the unique character of the mill’s former industrial past whilst building flexible and attractive interiors that meet the needs of a modern health provider. Polyflor’s flooring had the ideal combination of performance and high design appeal to create a fresh and ambient space that didn’t have that clinical, institutional look.”

The Acre Mill project has been shortlisted in the Building Conservation category at the RICS Pro Yorkshire Awards 2015.

CMC Flooring successfully recycled 75% of their waste on this project through the Recofloor vinyl take back scheme. The certificated BRE Global A+ ratings for many of Polyflor’s ranges contributed to the BREEAM credits earned during the Acre Mills development, resulting in an overall Good rating for the project.
An “out of this world” flooring design using Polyflor’s vinyl flooring helped bring an extra dose of fun to a play room at the Nightingale children’s ward at Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

Polyflor’s in house Design Service created this bespoke floor design for the children’s ward, featuring a colourful rocket ship, planets and stars. The design elements of the floor were manufactured by Polyflor then cut into the sheet flooring on site County Contract Flooring.

Polyflor’s Pearlazzo PUR vinyl sheet flooring in Purple Crush 9722 was used as the backdrop to the play area’s space themed designs which were a mixture of colours from the Pearlazzo PUR, 2000 PUR, Classic Mystique and XL PU homogeneous vinyl ranges.

Polyflor’s experienced Design Service works frequently with specifiers to create bespoke design floors for children’s wards and other areas within hospitals. With the flexibility of water jet cutting there is virtually no limit to the shapes, patterns or designs that they can create for customers using Polyflor’s high performance flooring, including intricate logos and important signage.

Ian Summers, Estates Project Engineer at Chesterfield Royal Hospital commented,

“We were really impressed with the design idea which Polyflor presented us with and the finished result. The bright colours and bold design really brings the play area to life and it has proved popular with both the children and their parents.”
Polyflor’s vinyl flooring has helped create a fresh, clean and welcoming environment at a new urgent care centre at Halton Hospital in Runcorn recently.

Polyflor’s Pearlazzo PUR highly durable sheet vinyl flooring and Polysafe Wood fx PUR safety flooring were installed throughout the facility by flooring contractors Jepsons Limited of Darwen, Lancashire. This facility was originally a minor injuries department with an out of hours GP’s surgery attached but thanks to the refurbishment it has been transformed into an urgent care centre which opened in February 2015.

Pearlazzo PUR sheet vinyl flooring in complementary fresh shades of Lemon Ice 9702 and Mint Crisp 9706 were used in corridors, nursing stations, reception areas and waiting rooms at Halton Hospital. As a contrast to the pastel tones used in corridors and circulation areas within the hospital, Polysafe Wood fx PUR safety flooring in Warm Beech 3297 was fitted in the treatment rooms.

Lee Bushell, Building Surveyor at Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Trust commented, “Overall Polyflor’s flooring helps create a clean and bright atmosphere where we deliberately used a combination of colours and designs as way finding aids for patients with dementia or those who are partially sighted. The corridor and circulation areas being one colour helps people find their way around the facility and the contrast of the wood effect floor in the treatment rooms helps the patient recognise that they are entering a different area.”
Polyflor vinyl safety flooring from the high performance Polysafe Verona PUR range gave a fresh new look to Midland Orthodontics dental practice in Sutton Coldfield recently.

Polysafe Verona was specified for the project as the specialist orthodontic practice required a safe, easy to clean and attractive floorcovering that would provide underfoot slip resistance for patients and employees, creating a professional look that complemented the existing décor. The pale blue Skyline 5205 shade was chosen from the subtle and appealing colour palette available in the Verona range to create the desired crisp, clean look.

Specified and installed throughout treatment, circulation and storage areas by Lynex Flooring of West Bromwich, the finished flooring was coved and welded to provide a secure and hygienic finish. In an area which needs to be continually clean, Polysafe Verona has a cross linked and UV cured polyurethane PUR reinforcement to facilitate a simple maintenance regime.

Lucy Upton, Practice Manager at Midland Orthodontics, commented, “It is crucial that the treatment rooms and clinical areas convey a positive and professional image to our customers, providing a welcoming feel that puts them at ease. Polysafe Verona is the perfect choice for our practice as it combines the look of a highly attractive decorative floor with safety properties for added reassurance, particularly required when laid near to the sinks in the treatment areas”
Healthcare

Anya Court Care Home
Rugby, UK

PRODUCTS USED:
Expona Commercial,
Expona Control,
Polysafe Hydro Evolve,
Polysafe Ultima,
Polysafe Modena

A combination of Polyflor’s high design luxury vinyl tiles and high performance safety flooring were used to help create a bright and welcoming atmosphere throughout Anya Court care home in Rugby, Warwickshire recently.

Part of the Hallmark Care Homes Group, Anya Court was opened at the end of 2014 and provides nursing, residential and dementia care for up to 70 residents at their state of the art facilities. The interior design of the home is focused around encouraging active and independent living that creates a specialist dementia community where residents will feel at ease in their own surroundings.

1300m2 of Polyflor flooring was installed by Galaxy Flooring to provide homely, stimulating and safe environments for residents to live and socialise in. This included a number of cafés, relaxing therapy rooms, hair salons and a cinema room. The uplifting environment ensured that the impressive Anya Court facility took home the prize for Best New Care Home at the 2015 Pinders Healthcare Design Awards.

Hardwearing wood and stone effect luxury vinyl tiles from the Expona Commercial PUR range were fitted in many communal areas, providing the homely and comforting look of natural materials in a floorcovering suitable for these high traffic zones. Expona Commercial luxury vinyl tiles in Grey Pine were installed on the ground floor of the home, in the reception area, hair salon and the vibrant Juke Box Café. The Light Oak shade from the same range was fitted in the dining areas, kitchenettes and hair salon on the upper floors, and stone effect Classic Yorkstone tiles were also installed in the residents’ cinema room.
Polyflor’s safety flooring was installed in bathroom en-suites and toilets used by residents, guests and staff to provide sustainable wet slip resistance in these areas. The Expona Control PUR range of LVT safety flooring in stunning stone effect designs - Warm Grey Concrete and Classic Yorkstone were installed in toilets on all floors. With a pimple emboss and carborundum-free safety particles for slip resistance in barefoot areas and shod such as wet rooms, Polysafe Hydro Evolve flooring in pastel shade Danube was fitted into the home’s adapted bathroom and shower areas for all residents.

Safety flooring was also installed in back of house areas to keep the staff at Anya Court safe when at work. Polysafe Ultima flooring in Mortar was installed in kitchen and food preparation areas for added slip resistance where oil and grease spillages may be regularly be found. Heavy duty Polysafe Modena PUR safety flooring in the neutral Copal shade was used to complete corridors, circulation zones, staff changing areas and laundry rooms.

Jacqueline Farguson, Design Manager at Hallmark Care Homes, designed the home and specified Polyflor throughout. Jacqueline commented, “It was vital for us to avoid a clinical look by creating a safe but homely environment for Anya Court residents that would suit their various needs. We are continually impressed with the range of attractive and fit for purpose flooring options available from Polyflor which meant we could use their products throughout this new care home and others in our portfolio.”
Polyflor safety flooring was used to help create beautiful, homely interiors for the award-winning Winchcombe Place care home in Newbury, Berkshire.

Polysafe Wood fx PUR decorative safety vinyl flooring was installed in the reception area, dining room and hair salon of Winchcombe Place care home. The European Oak 3347 shade was chosen to create a welcoming, inspirational and comfortable atmosphere which fitted in with the eclectic style of each of these communal areas. The flooring's replication of natural materials and homely appearance helped to create a stylish environment that complements the use of historical artefacts on display.

Offering residential, dementia and nursing care, this state of the art 80 bedroom care home was designed by The Drawing Room Interiors of Solihull, with specialist furniture and vintage displays supplied and fitted by YTM Furniture of Pontefract. This collaboration on the Winchcombe Place project was awarded with a prestigious SBID International Design Award for New Build and Development. The project team chose Polysafe Wood fx as a safe but attractive flooring option that would cater for residents with a wide range of needs such as dementia and mobility issues.

Diana Cellela, Director of The Drawing Room Interiors commented, “We wanted to create integrated, inspirational and stimulating surroundings for all Winchcombe Place’s residents to enjoy that were also supportive to their care. Polysafe Wood fx was a perfect flooring choice because of its high safety specification and its realistic replication of wood tones which can help dementia residents feel at ease. This helped us create an environment that was anything but clinical.”
Polyflor, the UK’s commercial and residential vinyl flooring specialist, has just announced that a selection of its market-leading Polysafe flooring products have been chosen for the recently refurbished Stirling Ward at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. April 2014 saw the opening of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals’ newest ward which has been specifically designed to meet the needs of older patients who are frail and severely unwell.

The Stirling Ward assesses and provides timely and holistic care to patients to help them live better with frailty and continue their lives. To uplift the interior environment, over 700m² of Polysafe Hydro Evolve in the Amazon shade and Polysafe Modena PUR in Gypsum was installed throughout circulation areas, WC areas and bedrooms by Unlimited Flooring of Stocksbridge. The flooring chosen was used to enhance the design of the clutter-free and bright dementia-friendly environment, whilst also providing the required sustainable slip-resistance for patients and staff at all times.

Steve Brunyee of the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust commented:

“The appearance and underfoot safety of the flooring was of paramount importance for the specified combination of decorative flooring in the new ward at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Polysafe Hydro Evolve and Polysafe Modena PUR have provided the required design, safety and durability for this specialist dementia-friendly environment.”
Polyflor’s Forest fx PUR collection of wood effect sheet vinyl floorcoverings featured extensively in Hywel Dda Health Board’s new Mynydd Mawr Rehabilitation Unit at Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli. The single storey extension marks an investment of £870,000 by the Health Board and opened in October 2013. Installed by Swansea based Artisan Flooring, over 500m² of Polyflor products were used in the project including Forest fx PUR to bedroom and circulation areas, Polysafe Hydro to en-suite bathrooms and Polysafe Modena PUR and Vogue Ultra PUR to utility rooms. Elderly patients on the Rehabilitation Unit are cared for by a multidisciplinary team who work closely together to enable them to regain the best possible level of health and independence, resulting in them being safely discharged to the most appropriate environment. It is therefore essential that the new specialised care unit provides a safe and pleasant environment that promotes wellbeing.

Polyflor’s Forest fx PUR was selected for the core living areas of the development after much consideration and analysis using the King’s Fund Environmental Assessment Tool. The assessment tool was developed in collaboration with NHS Trusts and is funded by the Department of Health to support the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy.

Julian Wheeler-Jones, Capital Projects Manager at the Trust commented: “The appearance of the floor has a significant effect on the feel of the environment and the usability of the area. With Forest fx we have a product that is durable, homely and highly suitable for our specialist facility.”
Polyflor is pleased to announce that an extensive collection of its flooring products have just been installed in the new Maternity Unit at Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth for Hywel Dda University Health Board.

The new hospital marks a major investment of £38 million by the Welsh Assembly Government, the maternity unit of which opened in April 2014. Craftsman Flooring Ltd of Swansea installed over 5000m² of 2000 PUR, Pearlazzo PUR, Polysafe Hydro Evolve, Polysafe Standard PUR and Polysafe Wood FX PUR. This vast array of products featured through the delivery suites and bathroom areas, as well as the usual support rooms and offices.
Polyflor has just announced that Expona Control, its groundbreaking slip resistant Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) brand, has recently been installed across four assisted living housing sites, each managed by Broxbourne-based social housing provider; B3Living.

Developed for use in areas which receive high footfall, Expona Control is the first flooring product of its type, combining the design benefits of an LVT with the sustainable slip resistance of an HSE compliant safety floor. Over 900m² of Expona Control’s Classic Oak was installed by Cheshunt Flooring of Hertfordshire throughout the communal living areas within four of their assisted living schemes. Stephen Bode of B3Living comments,

“After previous maintenance and cleaning issues, we needed a cost-effective, easily maintainable and above all, safe flooring for our vulnerable residents within the common areas of our schemes. Expona Control met the brief in terms of both design and performance.”

Ideal for environments such as assisted living, Expona Control is fully HSE compliant, offering the same slip resistance specification as Polyflor’s market-leading Polysafe ranges. The slip resistance is sustainable for the guaranteed life of the product due to its achievement of 36+ in the pendulum wet test and 20 microns of surface roughness. The enhanced wear layer creates a rougher, harder friction surface to ‘bite’ into the sole of footwear, resulting in the necessary durability and underfoot safety required of the flooring. Furthermore, once Expona Control is installed and maintained correctly, the slip resistance commonly improves over time. A clean floor is a safer floor, and the incorporation of Polyflor’s PUR technology provides an easier regime for maintenance staff and a reduced need for energy, power, water and chemical consumption.