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## **Polyflor flooring chosen for prestigious Acre Mill Outpatients healthcare development**

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 3300m<sup>2</sup> 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. Designed with healthcare interiors in mind, the hard wearing Forest fx range is ideally suited to these high traffic environments.

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. This non directional smooth vinyl flooring features tonal chips, pearlescent multi-flake decoration and Polyflor's renowned high quality, cross-linked polyurethane reinforcement (PUR), providing a low cost, polish-free maintenance regime for the lifetime of the product.

Polyflor's new Polysafe Verona PUR safety flooring in Dolphin Grey 5203 shade is installed within all washrooms to provide sustainable slip resistance in these wet areas. Robust and easy to maintain, Verona's high clarity design and lack of visible safety aggregate means it provides a clean and contemporary look. Polysafe Hydro Evolve in Tigris 4257 was another safety floor used throughout changing rooms and shower areas at Acre Mill, specifically designed to provide barefoot and shod slip resistance in continually wet areas thanks to its pimple emboss and built in safety particles.

Finesse SD flooring in Lodestone 5830 from Polyflor's ESD collection is fitted in the health centre's X-ray suite. This specialist vinyl floorcovering with static dissipative properties is engineered for electrostatic discharge protection in areas where static control is required.

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.

Polyflor flooring is 100% recyclable via the Recofloor vinyl take backscheme and CMC

Flooring successfully recycled 75% of their waste on this project through the programme. The sustainability credentials of Polyflor's flooring are supported with the award of BES 6001 and certificated BRE Global A+ ratings for many ranges, which helped contribute to the BREEAM credits earned during the Acre Mills development, resulting in an overall Good rating for the project.

Product samples can be ordered free of charge on the Polyflor website or by calling the Polyflor Samples Direct Hotline on 0161 767 2551.

Further details of Polyflor's extensive range of resilient vinyl flooring are available from Polyflor Ltd, Radcliffe New Road, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7NR.

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**Picture Caption**

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