

The Bedale Centre is home to the Bognor Community Mental Health Team and West Sussex Early Intervention in Psychosis Service. The clinic is for patients living with mental health problems and who require support and treatment within the community.

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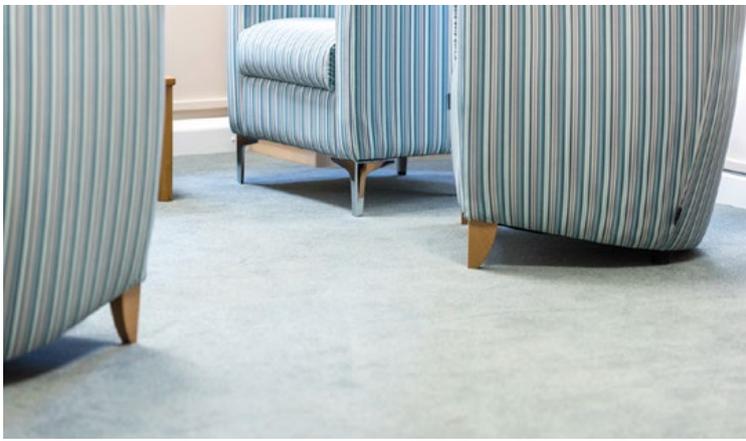
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Supportive and welcoming environments can have a positive effect on those that visit clinics and hospitals. With the Government's commitment to improving mental health facilities there is pressure to improve services and care for an increasing number of vulnerable people, which given their particular needs, requires greater consideration for the entire environment around them.

THE ISSUE

Via the Bedale Centre Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides specialist mental health, substance misuse and learning disability services. The Centre has become an integral part of the health and social care network for the people of Sussex.

Ginni Bilham, lead Interior Designer employed by Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust, was tasked with updating and transforming the centre. Ginni's main aim was to create a tranquil feeling throughout the facility, which in turn would help users of the centre to feel relaxed and comfortable during their visits. "The Bedale Centre has been delivering care to vulnerable adults in the community for some time now. The décor was previously very plain and didn't engage any of the character from the nearby town, neither did it encompass any of the Trusts values. Everyone loves a trip to the seaside and feels refreshed after a day by the sea so I wanted to create that atmosphere within the Centre." Explains Gini.

THE SOLUTION

Ginni drew her inspiration from the seaside beach huts and architecture of the local Bognor Regis seafront. Using a combination of attractive digital wallcoverings and danfloor's Economix broadloom carpet range throughout the stairways, corridors and meeting rooms Ginni was able to re-create the fresh appeal and relaxing ambiance of the seafront within the centre.

Economix was selected as a durable cost effective carpet. Colour 266 was selected as it closely resembles the look of water and sand. In addition to having the right look and feel for the project Ginni was also impressed by its notable BRE Credentials, Environmental story and Wear Classification rating.

Ginni goes on to explain that "The Sussex Partnership's aim is to realise the potential of everyone who uses their services by creating equality and positive attitudes, they aim to do this by being a creative force and leading by example. The interior design helps the centre to deliver their values in a creative way."

THE OUTCOME

Ginni and the Centre have been impressed with the Economix range. Not only does it offer the look Ginni had envisaged but it also offers a return on their investment via its fantastic performance characteristics including:

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