



Derriford Hospital

Plymouth, UK

System M SGL

A bespoke cubicle system to meet the specific needs of the hospital

The project.

Derriford Hospital forms part of the University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and is the largest hospital in the South West peninsula. It provides access to comprehensive secondary and tertiary healthcare for almost 2,000,000 people.

To complement the opening of their new, state-of-the-art Changing Places facility, which will greatly improve the experience of disabled patients and their families, the hospital realised a need to improve the reception foyer washrooms.

The challenge.

With safety a priority for healthcare facilities around the world, we were asked to design a cubicle system to meet the specific needs of Derriford Hospital. The washrooms had to accommodate a high footfall of patients and visitors of all abilities.

"We decided on System M to aid with manual handling and to assist with a quick access should we need to."
- Peter Caton, Senior Planning Support Manager, Site Services Planning Department, Derriford Hospital.

The solution.

As well as allowing rapid access, the washrooms needed to be strong and durable to support the challenging environment of a major hospital. System M made the ideal choice, with doors and partitions manufactured from our strongest material, Solid Grade Laminate (SGL); defending against scratches, water and moisture, vandalism and hard impact.



In addition to patient safety and durability, Venesta tailored the door widths to improve accessibility for all users. The washrooms were specified in our "Peacock" laminate to make their washrooms pop with colour. They featured a unique, adjustable pedestal which allows hassle-free cleaning from the outside of the cubicles.

System M features an innovative pivoting pilaster design with a discreet release facility operated without the use of tools or removable parts. In the event of an emergency, the normally inward opening doors can be opened outwards.

"The overall reaction from users has been that they are delighted with the new facilities, commenting on the extra space, increased number of cubicles, simple but useful accessories such as bag hooks and the colour of the cubicles." - Peter Caton, Senior Planning Support Manager, Site Services Planning Department, Derriford Hospital.