

Northern General Hospital uses easy-to-clean in ward refurbishments



A Cooper Lighting luminaire designed for hospital applications has been selected by Sheffield's Northern General Hospital for use in a major programme of ward refurbishments.

The hospital's Huntsman Building, Brearley Wing and Firth Wing are being given their first major refurbishment since they were constructed in the 1980s. As part of this process, the original batten fluorescent lighting, which had reached the end of its life, is being replaced by a new lighting scheme using the Crompton Varsity Hospital surface luminaire, together with a number of other Cooper Lighting products.

According to Laurence Fowles, the hospital's senior project design engineer, the Varsity Hospital luminaire met all of the requirements for ward lighting: As well as being stylish and efficient, it requires minimal maintenance and offers the option of an integral night light. It is also easy to install, which is reflected in the overall cost of the scheme.

The luminaire features sleek, contemporary styling with a flush-fitting curved diffuser that virtually eliminates dust traps, making it easy to keep clean. Equipped with energy-efficient high-frequency control gear as standard, the luminaire uses a removable gear tray with plug-and-socket connection for rapid installation and maintenance.

While the fittings supplied to Northern General Hospital included 1 x 58W T8 or 2 x 58W T8 lamps, the luminaire can also be specified with single or twin 36W or 70W T8 lamps or 28W, 35W or 49W T5 lamps. At Northern General, half of the luminaires are integral emergency versions.

In addition to the Crompton Varsity Hospital luminaire, the lighting scheme also uses Crompton Combiform Plus recessed modular luminaires, single and twin versions of the Crompton Tufflite IP65 sealed luminaire, Crompton Solstar fluorescent downlights with polycarbonate IP54 attachments for the showers and wet rooms, and Menvier New Safe Ex emergency exit signs.

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