



CASE STUDY



TIMONOX PRESCRIBED FOR AESTHETICS AND FIRE SAFETY AT WISHAW HOSPITAL



When Brannock Decorators of Holytown were called into Wishaw General Hospital in Motherwell, they were asked to upgrade the fire safety standards of the five year old premises as well as the appearance of the interior decor.



Roddy Fraser, Operations Director for Summit Healthcare, the building owners, had specified flame retardant decorative coatings for all the heavily trafficked corridors leading from the entrances to the wards in order to improve overall fire safety standards and bring wall surfaces up to the highest fire safety rating of Class 0.

John Burns of Brannock Decorators put forward Crown Trade Timonox for the project and over the course of four months, he and his team applied 1000 litres of Timonox Acrylic Eggshell to all areas of the hospital which might potentially be used as emergency escape routes for staff, patients and visitors in the event of a fire.

CROWN TRADE TIMONOX ACRYLIC EGGSHELL



Roddy Fraser said: "We have a duty of care to minimise the risk of fire breaking out in our hospital which we take very seriously indeed. We also have to take whatever measures we can to slow down the spread of combustion if fire does take hold. By specifying flame retardant coatings for our wall and ceiling surfaces we can help to buy precious extra time for occupants of the building to escape safely."

"This is a very busy general hospital with A&E, elderly care, maternity and mental health facilities, in addition to almost 700 beds on the wards. Most of our patients are obviously vulnerable – elderly, sick, disabled or incapacitated in one way or another. If we ever had to evacuate any area of the hospital because of a fire, any extra time gained to help everyone get to a place of safety could save lives."



Now that the decorators have packed away their dustsheets and ladders and the work is complete, Roddy Fraser is very satisfied with the finished results:

"Brannock Decorators have done a very professional job for us and have left the hospital corridors looking like new. Members of staff and patients alike have commented on the gleaming appearance of the interiors. As Timonox looks just like any other paint when it has been applied, they have no idea that they are also benefiting from an extra degree of protection, as well as from the very obvious visual improvements in their surroundings."

A spokesperson for the Crown Paints Specification Team said: "The Crown Trade Timonox range is one of the oldest and best known flame retardant systems available and can be specified with confidence as it meets all necessary UK and European standards. We can offer a comprehensive range of finishes and a massive colour palette, depending on the coating required. This means that aesthetics and interior styling need never be compromised in the name of fire safety."