

Case Study

Oak Lodge BUPA Nursing Home, Southampton

Opened in February 2010, Oak Lodge is a new, purpose-built BUPA care home for elderly residents in the residential area of Bitterne, four miles from the centre of Southampton and close to local shops and amenities.

The customer:

BUPA was established more than 60 years ago in the UK and is now an international healthcare company with customers in 200 countries. It offers personalised, specialist care in the UK to residents in nursing and residential care homes.



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Burbidge**



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The Project

Oak Lodge is a 71-bed care home, providing specialist dementia care facilities as well as a day centre for the elderly. The £5.7million development was delivered by BUPA and Southampton City Council.

The Balustrade

FUSION® Commercial stair balustrade was installed on the main staircase to provide a safe and stylish barrier. The system's combination of minimalist oak handrails and sleek tubular balusters in a contemporary brushed nickel finish complemented the building's modern décor and other good quality furnishings, whilst its availability off-the-shelf meant there were no lengthy lead times. Richard Burbidge also supplied wall-mounted handrails for installation in various corridors throughout the building.



“Oak Lodge’s residents were the top priority when selecting FUSION® Commercial stair balustrade, as we had to carefully consider the use of décor to aid orientation. Its unique mix of timber and metal means it provides modern and minimalist elegance, which complements the décor of the nursing home perfectly.”

“The Richard Burbidge system is independently strength tested in line with UK Building Regulations, providing an important safety barrier for staff and residents, so the product not only looks attractive but is also fit for purpose. In fact, we have been so impressed with the system we plan to use it for future specification projects.”

Sandy Scott, BUPA Care Services

Project
Oak Lodge BUPA
Nursing Home

Architect
DWA Architects

Contractor
Redworth
Construction

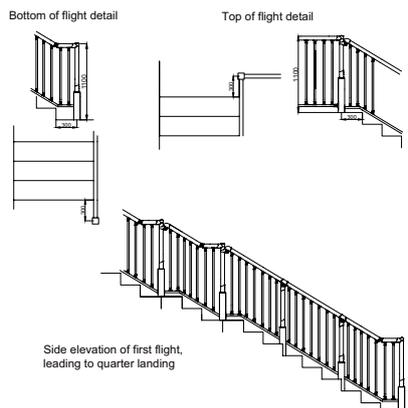
Product
FUSION® Commercial

Project Detail
FUSION® Commercial with metal balusters was installed on the main staircase of the care home, totalling approximately 20m including landing areas. In excess of 90m of FUSION® wall mounted handrail was also installed, both on the perimeter of the main staircase and adjoining corridors.



FUSION® Commercial indoor balustrade

- Suitable for stair pitches of 33°- 42°
- Suitable for handrail heights of 900mm for staircases and 1100mm for landings
- Suitable for use on timber, concrete or metal staircases
- Compliant with UK Building Regulations
- Tested for public stairs requiring loadings of 0.74kN/m
- Easy to install, delivering labour, time and cost savings
- Available ex-stock



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