HELPING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CREATE BETTER ENVIRONMENTS FOR PATIENTS

A healthcare facility is a working environment with a difference. Yet choosing the most suitable products to achieve a transformation that benefits both patients and health professionals need not be a difficult process. With the right guidance you can achieve a safer, cleaner healthcare environment in which professionals can focus on the needs of patients.

We understand that the way people engage with a building, positive or otherwise can be directly affected by the colour and design of the space. At Dulux Trade we are experts in all aspects of colour in the working environment. We also have considerable experience in the healthcare field, including close collaboration with The King’s Fund. We have compiled this definitive guide to help you choose products and colours with confidence – and make the right long-term decisions about issues ranging from infection control to sustainability.

Our Specifier Account Managers, Healthcare experts, and Colour Consultants are here to help you choose the most suitable products, contact specialist contractors, minimise disruption and extend maintenance cycles – leading to savings that can maximise funds for frontline services.

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING MORE WITH LESS

Dulux Trade is committed to Planet Possible, the global AkzoNobel initiative to create a brighter future by delivering more value from fewer resources.

Planet Possible is designed to drive innovation and promote radical resource efficiency, allowing ourselves and our customers to realise our sustainability ambitions together. At Dulux Trade we offer solutions that deliver positive sustainability benefits, as well as reducing our products’ environmental impact.

We’re working to make longer lasting, lower maintenance finishes so that less paint is needed, and we offer water-based alternatives to traditional solvent-based products - a breath of fresh air for everyone involved. To find out more about our Planet Possible activities and progress, check out duluxtrade.co.uk/PP

BRIGHTER LIVES

Planet Possible is also about making people’s lives brighter and more colourful. All over the world we create colourful communities through our Let’s Colour projects and we work to unlock the potential of the next generation.

“As a brand leader we have a critical role to play in reducing the environmental footprint associated with the use of our products and delivering innovations that allow our customers to achieve their sustainability goals.”

Susan Kendall
Sustainability Director, AkzoNobel
Decorative Paints UK & Ireland

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HEALTHCARE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Choosing Dulux Trade specialist coatings, trim paints and woodcare products is a wise investment in the future of the project as well as a step towards Planet Possible for two reasons:

1. Longer lasting protection means less frequent maintenance and redecoration over the project’s lifetime. Both have an environmental impact.

2. Because of the outstanding opacity of Dulux Trade products, smaller quantities are required to create a professional finish over a given area. So ultimately fewer resources and raw materials are used in manufacturing and transporting paint. A perfect example of doing more with less.

TO ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF A PRODUCT, ASK THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS:

WHAT’S IN IT?

Dulux Trade products are assessed using the Environmental Impact Analyser. This measures ‘what’s in it’ in the widest sense: the total environmental impact of the raw materials, energy, water... all the resources used before the product leaves the factory.

HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?

The greater the opacity of a coating, the less is required to deliver an excellent result. With Sterishield Diamond Eggshell for example a smooth surface can be covered at 17m² per litre.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

A longer lasting finish means that less frequent redecoration is required. For example Diamond offers up to 5 years protection, so the usual maintenance cycle can be significantly extended.
Along with cost, quality and hygiene, it is necessary to consider the requirements of NHS Estates Health Building Note OO-10 (HBN OO-10) when choosing paints in healthcare environments. The table below summarises how these guidelines affect your choice of Dulux Trade products for different types of room space.

### HOW HBN OO-10 AFFECTS PRODUCT SELECTION

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**SYMBOLS EXPLAINED**

- Brush
- Roller
- Conventional Spray
- Airless Spray

**This figure is based on theoretical calculations on pairs of bare rooms of dimensions 4 × 3 × 2.4m where the light incident on all surfaces is averaged. The rooms all have the same mid-grey floor colour (LRV 50). They have a white ceiling and a colour on the walls. In one of each pair, the colour used is from the Light & Space range. In the other, the colour used is from conventional products. The Light & Space and conventional colours have similar hue (colour family) and chroma (intensity of colour). The energy savings will not always equate to 22%. They will vary depending on the contents, dimensions and floor colour of the room and will differ if lighting in particular areas needs to be controlled. The calculated figure varies from 14% to 28% depending on the wall colour chosen. The actual light energy savings achieved in practice may differ from the calculations.**
Sterishield is the ideal water-based interior emulsion for healthcare facilities, including operating theatres. An effective infection prevention strategy is a key aspect of quality according to the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

It has the power to inhibit bacteria within 12 hours of contamination, preventing the spread of infection in conjunction with good hygiene practice, and is proven in independent tests to be effective against MRSA, E.coli and Pseudomonas Aeruginosa. Furthermore anti-bacterial activity is increased by washing and the decorative surface will withstand repeated cleaning to extend maintenance cycles.

**ACTIVE SILVER BACTERICIDE**
Already proven in a wide range of medical applications, the Sterishield active anti-bacterial ingredient is notified under the Biocidal Products Directive for product type 2, enabling continued use for hygiene coatings. It is active at very low concentration. Washing, far from damaging the paint, results in increased anti-bacterial activity.

**BENEFITS**
- Inhibits bacteria within 12 hours of contamination
- Increased anti-bacterial activity when washed
- Ideal in high use areas that need regular cleaning
- Finish and anti-bacterial effectiveness withstand repeated cleaning, extending maintenance cycles
- Suitable for use with approved NHS cleaning regime - speak to your representative for more information
- Available in washable finishes, stain resistant Diamond Matt or Durable Eggshell
- Water-based and non-hazardous
- Ideal for hospitals, clinics, care homes, kitchens and food preparation

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION GO TO DULUXTRADEPAINTEXPERT.CO.UK TO DOWNLOAD THE FULL BROCHURE**

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Touch Dry
Dependent upon temperature and humidity

Recoatable
2-4 hours

Coverage
Matt: Up to 16m² per litre
Eggshell: Up to 17m² per litre

Colour Range
More than 10,000 colours, including
Colour Palette, NCS2 and BS colours*

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*For availability in very deep colours, please contact the Dulux Trade Technical Advice Centre.
Sterishield is used at Hammersmith Hospital in several infection-critical areas, throughout patient and ward environments, and in operating theatres. But choosing this formulation was not a lightly-made decision. The hospital’s Department of Infection Control conducted a range of tests on Sterishield to establish its effectiveness for themselves.

A sample was applied to a wall and subjected to a range of known bacteria spreading agents, such as aerosols, dust particles and human contact. The surface was also given wash and scrub tests, to assess its long term durability. The tests confirmed that Sterishield helps to prevent the spread of infection and withstands repeated cleaning.

“Sterishield surpassed the hospital’s preliminary assessment. In fact in tests, Sterishield actually increases its activity against bacteria when scrubbed.”

Colin Campbell
Trust Estates Manager at Hammersmith Hospital
MINIMISING MAINTENANCE COSTS AND DISRUPTION WITH THE DULUX TRADE DIAMOND RANGE

Maintenance and redecorating are disruptive, costly and environmentally impactful processes. Because the Dulux Trade Diamond range looks better for longer,* it can deliver superior value for money without compromising on quality.

DIAMOND RANGE

By helping to minimise disruption and avoid the need to close wards and other facilities, the Diamond range can contribute to patient wellbeing as well as procurement, efficiency and sustainability. This is a range of water-based paints with exceptional durability, washability and stain resistance. They exceed the longevity and performance characteristics of traditional paints, allowing repeated cleaning to replace the need for redecoration.

DIAMOND MATT

10x more durable and 10x more stain resistant than standard Vinyl Silk. Wipes clean without polishing up, offering an attractive matt finish.

DIAMOND EGGSHELL

10x more stain resistant than standard water-based eggshell finishes, 10x tougher than vinyl silks and can withstand regular wiping: ideal in humid or condensation-prone areas.

DIAMOND HIGH PERFORMANCE EGGSHELL

Proven 43% more scuff resistant and 5x tougher than standard Diamond Eggshell, Diamond High Performance is made to survive the toughest environments and withstand repeated cleaning.

Touch Dry
Dependent on temperature and humidity

Recoatable
4-6 hours

Coverage
Up to 16m² per litre on sealed surfaces

Colour Range
PBW, Magnolia†, NCS2 and BS colours. Matt and Eggshell available in the full Light & Space colour range**

Matt: 11,500 Colour Palette colours
Eggshell: 14,000 Colour Palette colours
High Performance Eggshell: 3,000 Colour Palette Colours

* Than standard Vinyl Silk. †Diamond Eggshell. **SL only.
BENEFITS

- Available in Matt, Eggshell and High Performance Eggshell. Ideal for high traffic areas such as staircases, corridors, waiting rooms and reception rooms.
- Available in a vast range of colours.
- Extend maintenance cycles for up to 5 years, allowing repeated cleaning rather than redecoration.
- Reduce whole life cost of project.
- Quick drying and with low odour to minimise disruption.

LONG TERM BENEFITS FOR BUDGET AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Redecorating twice as opposed to five times over a ten-year period can help reduce carbon footprint. The extended maintenance cycles offered by the Diamond range not only result in long-term economies, but have the added benefit of reducing environmental impact.

CASE STUDY
NORTHERN IRELAND’S SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

Northern Ireland’s South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust were thoroughly scientific when choosing the most durable paint for their new £64 million state of the art hospital in Downpatrick.

Before being selected, Dulux Trade Diamond Matt was compared with two leading competitor products in a gruelling series of on-site tests. The chosen product needed to demonstrate high quality whilst delivering value for money throughout the life cycle of the building.

“Even at the planning stage I could see that Dulux Trade Diamond Matt would be the right choice for this project. Its durability is perfect in a setting that has such a rigorous cleaning regime.”

Colin Bunting
Contractors CB Contracts


**DULUX TRADE LIGHT & SPACE: MAKING ROOMS FEEL BRIGHTER AND MORE SPACIOUS**

**Light & Space** is a range of special colours, available in five water-based **Dulux Trade** finishes, that harness revolutionary LumiTec technology to make rooms feel bigger and appear brighter.

**LIGHT & SPACE RANGE**

**Light & Space** is perfect for creating a bright, cheerful healing environment, and making the most of places with little natural light such as corridors and alcoves. It has a unique ability to reflect light that would otherwise be absorbed. In tests to compare light absorption values, walls decorated with **Light & Space** colours absorbed 8% of the visible light, whereas conventional emulsion from the **Dulux Trade** range absorbed 16%.

This ability to maximise available light can result in the use of up to 22%** less energy by minimising the need for artificial lighting. That’s the equivalent of reducing the bulb wattage in the room from 50W to 40W. This can make significant savings possible and also help to achieve sustainability targets – especially when used in the ultra-tough **Diamond Matt** formulation which can extend maintenance cycles.

**LIGHT & SPACE BENEFITS**

- Makes rooms appear lighter and more spacious
- Allows the use of up to 22%** less energy in the form of artificial light
- Makes small, dark and unpromising spaces more usable
- Available in five popular **Dulux Trade** water-based finishes
- Can extend maintenance cycles when used in the ultra-tough **Diamond Matt** formulation

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**Touch Dry**
Dependent upon temperature and humidity

**Recoatable**
Vinyl Matt, **Ecosure** Matt, Flat Matt: 2-4 hours
Diamond Matt, Diamond Eggshell: 4-6 hours

**Coverage**
Vinyl Matt, **Ecosure** Matt, Flat Matt: Up to 17m²/L
Diamond Matt, Diamond Eggshell: Up to 16m²/L

**Colour Range**
Available in Absolute White and 26 tinted colours

**See page 8 for full details.**

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Dulux Trade recently teamed up with healthcare contractor Willmott Dixon to provide a selection of specialist paint products for the Willmott Dixon Healthcare Campus based at the BRE (Building Research Establishment) Innovation Park in Watford.

Drawing on in-depth knowledge of the healthcare sector, Dulux Trade created a custom specification based on three of its existing products - Sterishield, for its anti-bacterial properties, the Diamond range for its high resistance to wear and tear, and Light & Space for its ability to bring a brighter, more spacious feel to any room. The highly reflective particles it contains bounce light back into a room, significantly increasing perception of interior space and reducing required lighting by up to 22%**. Energy is saved and costs are reduced.

CASE STUDY
LIGHT & SPACE ILLUMINATES CAMPUS

"We loved the bespoke combination of Light & Space with Sterishield and Diamond to address the key challenges faced by the healthcare sector - hygiene, durability and sustainability."

Mike Clarke
Health Manager at Willmott Dixon
SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS WITHOUT COMPROMISING QUALITY

Quick Dry is the range of sustainable paints from Dulux Trade that can help you achieve the demanding environmental standards that are increasingly expected but also maintain the performance you require.

QUICK DRY RANGE
Quick Dry is the new water-based trim paints range from Dulux Trade that enables faster and more productive working while creating a finish that mimics the high sheen and flowout properties of traditional solvent-based products. The range allows patients to occupy the site on the same day as application, minimising disruption, and due to the durable properties of the product, they can feel comfortable knowing the beautiful finish will last.

QUICK DRY GLOSS
Has an innovative alkyd hybrid formulation; when combined with Quick Dry Undercoat, it provides the same productivity benefits as a water-based system with a comparable high gloss finish and durability of a traditional solvent-based product.

QUICK DRY SATINWOOD
Given its self-undercoating capabilities, the beautiful mid-sheen finish of Quick Dry Satinwood can be achieved on all interior wood and metal, providing high durability and flexibility to extend maintenance cycles.

Touch Dry
Dependent upon temperature and humidity

Recoatable
Gloss & Satinwood: 6 hours
Undercoat: 4-5 hours

Coverage
Gloss & Satinwood: Up to 12m²/L
Undercoat: Up to 10m²/L

Colour Range
Gloss & Satinwood: PBW and more than 14,000 colours, including Colour Palette, NCS2 and BS colours
Undercoat: White
LONGER LASTING FINISH FOR LOWER COSTS AND EXTENDED MAINTENANCE CYCLES

Thanks to the advanced technology in the new Dulux Trade Quick Dry range, these products are now more durable and flexible than our standard Dulux Trade High Gloss, meaning the beautiful finish will last longer.

Benefits to your healthcare facilities:

- The finish will last for longer, ensuring patient satisfaction
- Maintenance cycles will be extended with less paint required in the long run, resulting in lower costs
- Perfect for hospital corridors and waiting rooms that experience high traffic but require quick turnarounds to ensure minimal disruption to staff and patients

LONGER LASTING WHITENESS MEANS EXTENDED MAINTENANCE CYCLES

Technological advances in the Dulux Trade Quick Dry range mean the level of discolouration in the top coat finish will be lower than with solvent-based paints. Therefore, it will stay whiter for longer, increasing the time between redecoration and minimising disruption.

SAFER, MORE PLEASANT WORKING ENVIRONMENT WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION ON SITE

Unlike their solvent-based equivalents, all new Dulux Trade Quick Dry products are formulated to have minimal odour. This ensures no lingering smell after the work has been completed, enabling wards to be opened quicker. It also means there is minimal impact to the surrounding area and makes for a much more pleasant healing environment for both staff and patients.

*Hardness determined by 2012 pendulum test, where the higher the number, the harder the film.
**Whitex is a measure of the whiteness of a coating on a scale of 1 to 100, 100 being the whitest.
Floors in healthcare environments take unrelenting punishment from traffic, chemicals and constant cleaning. The single and two-pack Dulux Trade products are both proven to provide durability, minimal maintenance and an excellent finish.

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**FLOORSHIELD: MORE COVERAGE, LESS DOWNTIME**

The solvent-based single pack option for medium traffic areas, Floorshield delivers 40% better coverage than its leading competitors. Touch dry in as little as two hours, it minimises downtime. In lab and site trials it also outperforms rival products on film hardness and abrasion resistance, while withstanding repeated cleaning and resisting mild chemical spillage.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE FLOOR PAINT: THE ULTRA-DURABLE TWO-PACK OPTION**

Suitable for use in the toughest high-traffic areas, including operating theatres, Dulux Trade High Performance Floor Paint combines the ability to shrug off impact and abrasion with superior resistance to chemical fumes and solvent or alkali spillage. It also stands up to repeated washing with water and detergent. All in a water-based formulation for lower environmental impact too.

**Touch Dry**

Floorshield: 2-4 hours
High Performance Floor Paint: 4-6 hours

**Recoatable**

Floorshield: 12-16 hours
High Performance Floor Paint: 16-24 hours

**Coverage**

Floorshield: Up to 16m²/L
High Performance Floor Paint: Up to 6m²/L

**Colour Range**

Floorshield: Ash Grey and over 1,500 colours
High Performance Floor Paint: Goosewing and Tideway
DULUX TRADE CONTRACT PARTNERSHIP

Dulux Trade Contract Partnership is an exclusive membership scheme of independently assessed, quality assured painting contractors.

FIND AN APPROVED PAINTING CONTRACTOR

By joining the scheme, contractors are demonstrating their commitment to providing an outstanding professional service to their clients. Members are committed to demonstrating industry leading sustainability best practice and are well placed in helping clients meet their specific environmental, social and economic objectives.

A DULUX TRADE CONTRACT PARTNERSHIP MEMBER IS COMMITTED TO:

- Quality workmanship
- Delivering a professional service
- Continual improvement
- Providing value for money
- Being reliable and trustworthy

The on-going assessment programme and Code of Practice demonstrate how Dulux Trade Contract Partnership Scheme members are working to a consistently high standard of workmanship and professionalism.

When you need a project completed right first time, on time and there is no room for error – you can rely on a member of the Dulux Trade Contract Partnership Scheme.

For more information visit contractpartnership.co.uk

CASE STUDY
THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA

Award-winning Dulux Trade Contract Partner, A C Beck & Sons faced a tricky challenge working on the new Infirmary at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea: achieving a high quality durable finish for the extension, yet remaining sympathetic with the original 17th century design.

No wonder A C Beck & Sons received a ‘highly commended’ accolade from the Painting and Decorating Association, in recognition of the superior finish of the project.

“As part of the scheme we offer the reassurance of quality, Dulux accredited workmanship and the reliability crucial to such a prestigious project.”

Steve Beck
A C Beck spokesman
CREATING COLOUR SCHEMES WITH PATIENTS IN MIND

Colour in a healthcare environment should do much more than just make the building look attractive. Well-chosen decor can contribute positively to the creation of an environment in which patients can feel comfortable and at ease.

The following pages feature colour schemes specifically designed for the healthcare environment by our commercial colour consultants. We have divided these schemes into three key types of space: public areas, patient accommodation and treatment rooms. Each location has its own very different requirements and constraints, influenced by the needs of the people who occupy or use it.

Begin by choosing a neutral as this will be the main colour used for the majority of wall surfaces, flowing throughout the area. Accent colours are stronger shades to create visual interest, whilst the colours for doors are stronger still. These colour differences are important in order to create the necessary levels of colour contrast to help visually impaired people find their way around in line with The Equality Act Guidelines (see page 28).

For larger versions of the colours featured in this guide visit duluxtradepaintexpert.co.uk to order free A8 samples.

Step 1 - Main walls
Always start by selecting a neutral for your main wall colour.

Step 2 - Feature walls
Choose one of these shades for the feature walls.

Step 3 - Doors
Finally, choose a colour for the doors.

York White
Green Clay
82YY 85/038
90YY 83/039

50GG 74/273
48BB 56/162
42RB 63/137
50GG 71/180

30RB 16/144
10BB 07/150
Public access areas within healthcare facilities offer tremendous scope for colour choice, but it is still important to bear in mind the needs of patients, clinical staff and visitors to ensure that these spaces look and feel at home within the overall scheme.

**COLOUR IN PUBLIC SPACES**

**Neutrals**
Begin by choosing a neutral. This will be the main broad wall colour that flows through the scheme.

- 90YY 83/036
- 82YY 85/038
- Green Clay
- York White

**Waiting areas**
As most people spend a considerable amount of time in these areas, colour schemes should be uplifting and interesting. Visually attractive accent colours can be used to not only highlight different departments, but also to create a modern and contemporary environment.

**FEATURE WALLS**
- 42RB 63/137
- 48BB 56/162

**DOORS**
- 50GG 71/180
- 50GY 74/273
- 10BB 07/150
Corridors and Receptions
Hospital corridor areas can often be confusing and look very institutionalised. To aid navigation and wayfinding, long corridors can be divided with strong accent colours either for directional purposes or department identification. This can be achieved by highlighting certain junctions within these areas. The area behind the reception desk should also be highlighted in order to identify it to the visiting public.

Restaurants
Restaurants and cafe areas need to have a different atmosphere to the rest of the building. Warmer palettes make people feel most comfortable and relaxed, therefore by using these tones the areas should appear warm and inviting to encourage use.

FEATURE WALLS
- 90GG 51/211
- 40YY 65/263
- DH Indigo
- 90YR 49/382
- Frosted Grape
- 13RR 06/179

DOORS
- 80YR 14/140
- 70YY 37/296
- 50YR 32/460
- 10YR 17/465
- 30YR 14/365
- 71YR 08/119
COLOUR IN PATIENT ROOMS

Patient rooms should be comfortable, calm, non-intimidating, safe and personalised. Lighting is often subdued, so this should influence colour choice. Excessive use of bright colours can interfere with visual diagnosis and lead to overstimulation.

Neutrals
Begin by choosing a neutral. This will be the main broad wall colour that flows through the scheme.

- Timeless
- Ochre White
- 30GY 88/014
- 81YY 87/031

Ward areas
It is important to keep these areas light and fresh as colours with too much saturation could effect visual diagnosis. To give interest, a softer palette can be used to highlight key features such as behind the sink area, cupboard doors or window walls. It is still important however to ensure these areas give a modern and uplifting impression as patients often spend long amounts of time in them.

FEATURE WALLS
- 90YY 62/084
- 45YY 72/230

DOORS
- 90GG 64/088
- 50BB 54/079
- 90BG 17/090
Paediatric units
Children’s wards need to be interesting and vibrant. Using a simple combination of pure accents can create an impression of fun that is appealing and reassuring to children. Using a clear and unsophisticated palette can help to reduce patient anxiety and confusion by distracting their senses.

Intensive care
These areas need to be calming and restful. A soft neutral colour is recommended in these areas, however to avoid a bland looking environment, muted and soothing accents can be used in small areas.

FEATURE WALLS
- 64RR 12/436
- 16BG 09/241
- 10BG 39/244
- 10GG 49/300
- 90YY 58/424
- 81BG 24/357

DOORS
- 50RR 32/029
- 50YR 55/037
- 10YR 55/049
- 50GB 48/051
- 50GB 55/049

Javelin
COLOUR IN TREATMENT AND THERAPY ROOMS

Both a patient room and a working environment for medical staff, therapy and treatment rooms require very careful consideration.

Neutrals
Begin by choosing a neutral. This will be the main broad wall colour that flows through the scheme.

- 30YY 78/053
- 61YY 85/050
- 71YY 87/078

Jade White

Consultation rooms
Although similar to patient rooms in terms of using a warm neutral for the main areas, interest can be achieved by using a stronger combination of accent colours where visual diagnosis does not take place, such as behind a desk.

- 10GY 74/325
- 19BG 61/207
- 10RB 23/061

- 50RB 34/153
- 49BB 51/186
- 30RR 26/335
Therapy rooms

The types of colours used in these areas depend upon the type of therapy or treatment being given. More physical treatments, for instance would require a stimulating and energising combination to encourage physical activity.

Operating rooms

Most operating theatre walls are green or blue/green in colour. This to counteract the effects on the eye of prolonged staring at the deep red of an open wound. As green is the complimentary colour of red, it is able to neutralize the after-image produced by the surgeon’s concentration. A cooler muted palette is recommended for these areas.
CREATING COLOUR CONTRAST IN LINE WITH THE EQUALITY ACT GUIDELINES

The Equality Act Guidelines are designed to help healthcare providers avoid discriminating against people with disabilities including visual impairment.

PROMOTES A MORE HYGIENIC ENVIRONMENT

Ensuring that neighbouring expanses of colour, such as walls and doors, are clearly distinguishable by using contrasting colours is first and foremost good design practice. But it is also an important aspect of the guidance provided by The Equality Act.

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LRV AND VISUAL CONTRAST

Dulux Trade have conducted research with the RNIB, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Reading University to look into ways in which colour can help visually impaired people to navigate a building as easily as possible. This established that over 80% of visually impaired people are able to discern colour differences. So using colour contrast can make their movement much easier.

Approved Document M and BS8300: 2001 advise that any colours used to differentiate surfaces should vary in their light reflectance value (LRV) by at least 30 points.

WALLS

The largest critical surfaces, walls need to be clearly distinguishable to give visually impaired people greater security.

DOORS

The whole door and architrave should contrast with the surrounding surfaces. The only exceptions are doors to storage spaces, which patients and visitors do not need to distinguish.

SKIRTINGS

Making the skirting the same or a similar colour as the wall gives visually impaired people an accurate indication of the size of the floor, so they can avoid bumping into walls.

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CASE STUDY
THE DEMENTIA SERVICES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CALLS ON DULUX TRADE EXPERTISE

“ We needed Dulux Trade to provide a wide range of colour schemes from which users could then choose the most appropriate base. We now have a range of colour schemes we can confidently recommend to our clients.”

Colm Cunnigham
Director of Operations

**Dulux Trade** has helped to develop a series of colour ranges that the centre can recommend to those providing care for people with dementia.

The Dementia Services Development Centre at the University of Stirling was established in 1989 to improve the understanding of dementia, and provides training for doctors, nurses, social workers and others.

The project is part of the centre’s new technology suite, comprising an en-suite bathroom, a living area and kitchen. Acting as a ‘showhome’ for those involved in dementia care, it showcases new technology and equipment.

To meet the duties of The Equality Act, **Dulux Trade** was asked to develop a range of colour schemes that took into account the need to enhance spatial awareness by contrasting visually adjacent critical surfaces by 30 points difference in Light Reflectance Value – a substantial difference which can lead to dull, monochromatic results without a high level of expertise and guidance.

The colour schemes developed by **Dulux Trade** aid those with visual impairment and aid navigation – the lilac or pale green walls within the living and communal areas contrasting with pristine white trim and oak doors, and bright yellow bathroom doors.
DIGITAL SUPPORT
FROM DULUX TRADE

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Dulux Trade Paint Expert App

VISUALIZER

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Dulux Trade offers full specification support tailored to your individual requirements. This will ensure that correct preparation is highlighted and the products specified are the most appropriate for the location, environment and substrate type.

Contract Meetings
Specifier Account Managers can attend pre-contract, project review and post-contract assessment meetings, ensuring collaboration and clear communication from concept to completion.

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During the course of the work, if required, site visits can be made to ensure that work is being carried out correctly and in accordance to the specification.

Report to Project Owners
A critical element of any project is minimising down time. Knowing the status of the work in progress and thus keeping control of events is equally important.

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Colour Service
For larger painting projects, we can offer Dulux Trade Colour Consultants who provide help and advice on colour and may use Dulux Previews, our unique colour specification software.

Health and Safety
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