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HEALTHCARE

SPECIFIER
GUIDE





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

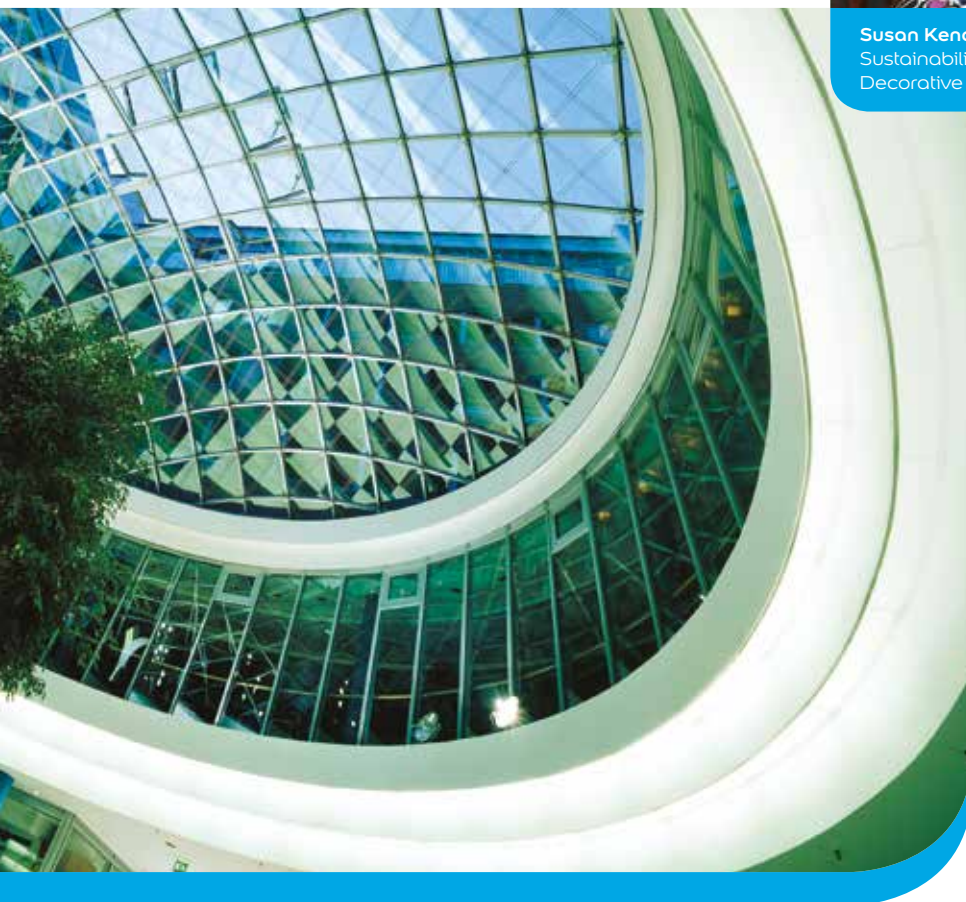
BRIGHTER LIVES

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.



Susan Kendall
Sustainability Director, AkzoNobel
Decorative Paints UK & Ireland

“ 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. ”



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.



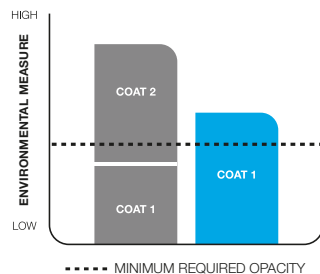
HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?

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.



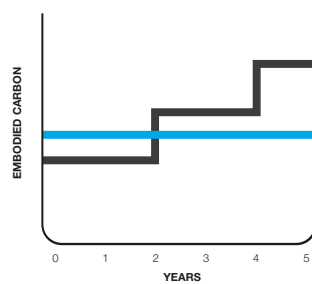
HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

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.



STANDARD PAINT

STERISHIELD DIAMOND EGGSHELL



STANDARD EMULSION

DULUX TRADE DIAMOND

HOW HBN OO-10 AFFECTS PRODUCT SELECTION

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.

















































PRODUCT SOLUTIONS	Category room space & Application area								
	Clinical Dry	Clinical Wet	Clinical Specialist Theatre Suite	Clinical Specialist X-ray Room	Clinical Specialist Post-Mortem Room	Clinical Specialist Aseptic Suite	Non Clinical Wet	Non Clinical Dry	Heavy Traffic
Dulux Trade Sterishield Diamond Matt	Walls	Walls		Walls			Walls	Walls	Walls
Dulux Trade Sterishield Diamond Eggshell	Walls	Walls		Walls			Walls	Walls	Walls
Dulux Trade Diamond Matt	Walls	Walls		Walls			Walls	Walls	Walls
Dulux Trade Diamond Eggshell	Walls	Walls		Walls			Walls	Walls	Walls
Dulux Trade Diamond High Performance Eggshell	Walls	Walls		Walls			Walls	Walls	Walls
Dulux Trade Light & Space Durable Flat Matt	Walls								
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Gloss	Trim	Trim		Trim			Trim	Trim	Trim
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Undercoat	Trim	Trim		Trim			Trim	Trim	Trim
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Satinwood	Trim	Trim		Trim			Trim	Trim	Trim
Dulux Trade High Performance Floor Paint									Floor
Dulux Trade Floorshield									Floor



Additional points: For Fire Retardant solution for previously painted wall surfaces use **Dulux Trade Pyroshield** Matt and Eggshell



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

PRODUCT	Coverage (approx per litre)	Recoat (Hours)	Application Method	VOC Content	Key Benefits
Dulux Trade Sterishield Diamond Matt	Up to 16m ² /L	2-4	   	Low	Durable, washable, silver bactericide
Dulux Trade Sterishield Diamond Eggshell	Up to 17m ² /L	2-4	   	Low	Durable, washable, silver bactericide
Dulux Trade Diamond Matt	Up to 16m ² /L	4-6	   	Low	10x tougher
Dulux Trade Diamond Eggshell	Up to 16m ² /L	4-6	   	Low	10x more stain resistant
Dulux Trade Diamond Glaze Varnish	Up to 25m ² /L	2-4		Medium	10x tougher
Dulux Trade Light & Space Durable Flat Matt	Up to 17m ² /L	2-4	   	Low	Uses up to 22%** less light energy
Dulux Trade Ecosure Matt	Up to 17m ² /L	2-4	   	Minimal	Virtually zero VOC & zero solvent
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Gloss	Up to 12m ² /L	6	   	Low	Quick drying, non-yellowing, high-sheen finish
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Undercoat	Up to 10m ² /L	4-5	   	Medium	Quick drying, excellent opacity and coverage
Dulux Trade Quick Dry Satinwood	Up to 12m ² /L	6	   	Medium	Quick drying, smooth, durable, satin finish
Dulux Trade High Gloss	Up to 18m ² /L	16-24	 	High	Tough, durable finish
Dulux Trade Satinwood	Up to 17m ² /L	16-24	 	High	Tough, durable satin finish
Dulux Trade Pyroshield Durable Matt	Up to 12m ² /L	2-4	  	Minimal (white) Low (colour)	Flame retardant durable upgrade
Dulux Trade High Performance Floor Paint	Up to 6m ² /L	16-24	 	Medium	For heavy commercial environments
Dulux Trade Floorshield	Up to 16m ² /L	12-16	 	High	Durable & hard wearing

SYMBOLS EXPLAINED



**This figure is based on theoretical calculations on pairs of bare rooms of dimensions 4 x 3 x 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.



REDUCING THE RISK OF INFECTION WITH DULUX TRADE STERISHIELD

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



Touch Dry

Dependent upon temperature and humidity

Recoatable

2-4 hours

Coverage

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

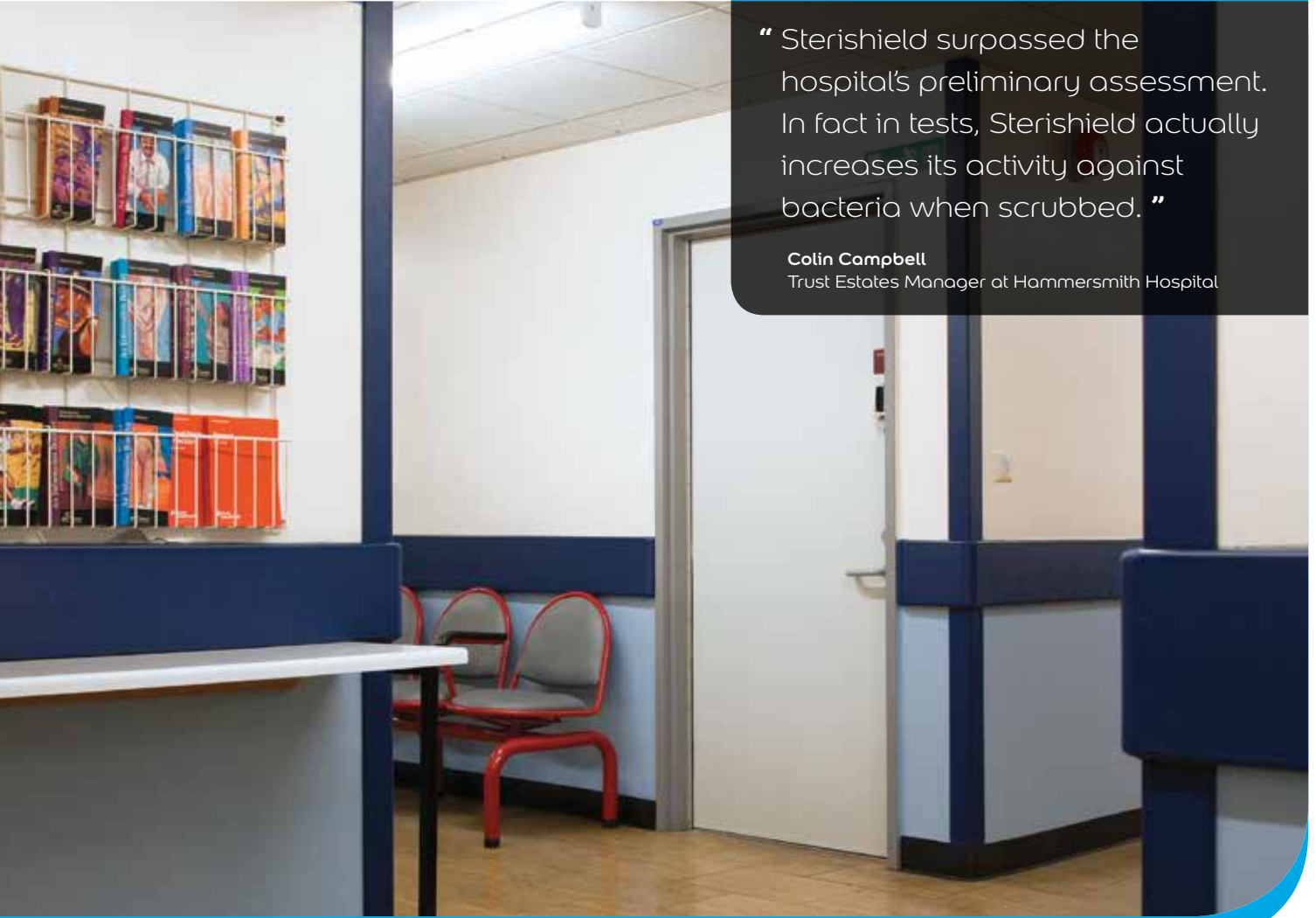
Colour Range

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

*For availability in very deep colours, please contact the **Dulux Trade** Technical Advice Centre.

CASE STUDY

HAMMERSMITH HOSPITAL



“ 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

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.

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

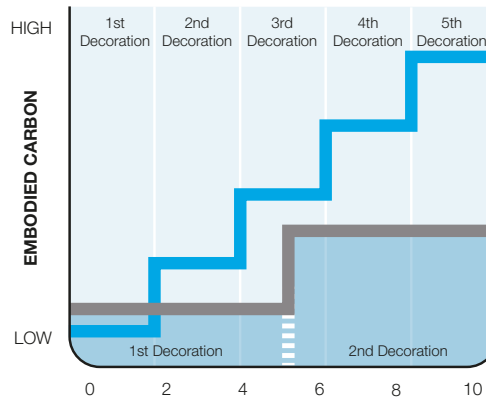
* Than standard Vinyl Silk. [†]Diamond Eggshell. ^{**}5L only.

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.



DULUX TRADE
STANDARD
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DIAMOND MATT

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



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

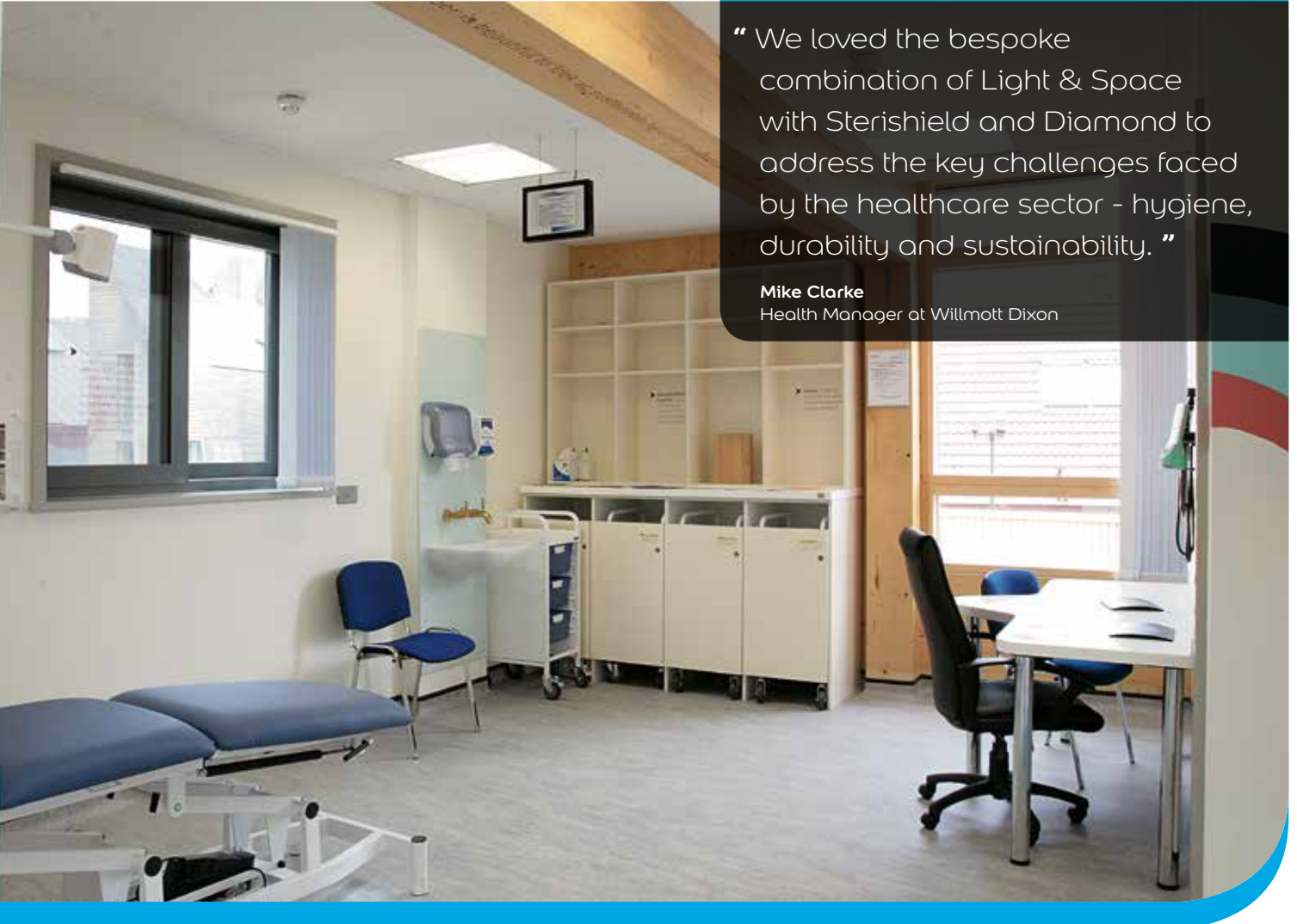
Colour Range

Available in Absolute White and 26 tinted colours

**See page 8 for full details.

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

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.

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.

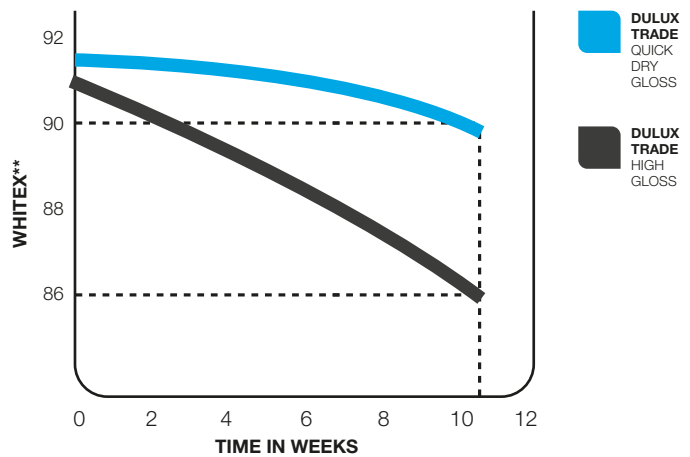
Benefits to your healthcare facilities:

- 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.

TWO TOUGH, LOW MAINTENANCE FLOOR PAINT OPTIONS

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.

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.

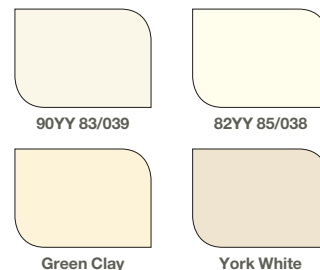
The following pages feature colour schemes specifically designed for the healthcare environment by our commercial colour consultants. We have divided these schemes into three key types of space: public areas, patient accommodation and treatment rooms. Each location has its own very different requirements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

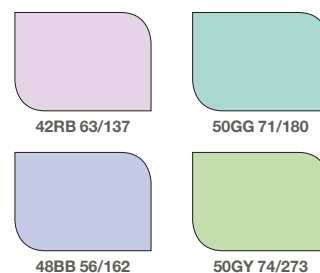
Step 1 - Main walls

Always start by selecting a neutral for your main wall colour.



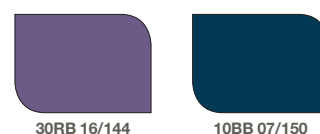
Step 2 - Feature walls

Choose one of these shades for the feature walls.



Step 3 - Doors

Finally, choose a colour for the doors.





COLOUR IN PUBLIC SPACES

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.

Neutrals

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



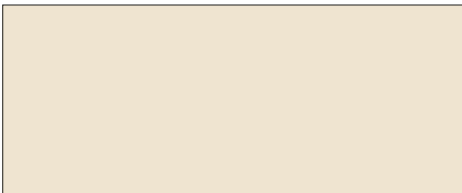
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Green Clay



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



50GG 71/180



48BB 56/162



50GY 74/273

DOORS



30RB 16/144



10BB 07/150





Corridors and Receptions

Hospital corridor areas can often be confusing and look very institutionalised. To aid navigation and way finding, 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.

FEATURE WALLS



90GG 51/211



40YY 65/263



DH Indigo



90YR 49/382



Frosted Grape



13RR 06/179

DOORS

FEATURE WALLS



80YR 14/140



70YY 37/296



50YR 32/460



10YR 17/465



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71YR 08/119

DOORS



COLOUR IN PATIENT ROOMS

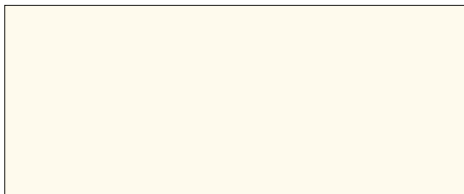
Patient rooms should be comfortable, calm, non-intimidating, safe and personalised. Lighting is often subdued, so this should influence colour choice. Excessive use of bright colours can interfere with visual diagnosis and lead to overstimulation.

Neutrals

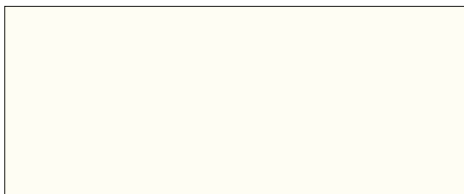
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Timeless



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 62/264



45YY 72/230



90GG 64/088



50BB 54/079

DOORS



10RR 13/081



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.

FEATURE WALLS



64RR 12/436



90YY 58/424



81BG 09/241



10BG 39/244



10GG 49/300



16BG 24/357

DOORS



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



90YR 57/070



50RB 48/051



10YR 55/037



50GG 55/049

DOORS



50RR 32/029



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.



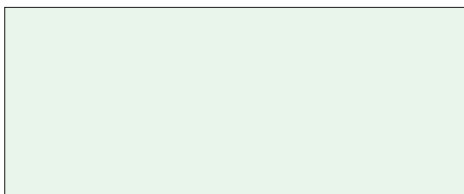
30YY 79/053



61YY 85/050



71YY 87/078



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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.

FEATURE WALLS



10GY 74/325



19BG 61/207



50RB 34/153



49BB 51/186

DOORS



10RB 23/061



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.

FEATURE WALLS



60YY 71/409



17BG 36/333



Midnight



22BB 34/304



10GG 40/352



89YY 62/494

DOORS

FEATURE WALLS



50GY 57/096



30BB 45/049



90BG 25/079



10BG 46/112



50RR 32/029



10RB 14/049

DOORS



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.

The Equality Act Guidelines are designed to help healthcare workers provide a better service for people with disabilities including visual impairment.

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.

For more information and in-depth guidance on colour contrast, please send for our free CD. Visit duluxtrade.co.uk/colourandcontrast



LRV values range from darkest 0 to 99 maximum possible light

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 Cunningham
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

Developed by **AkzoNobel**, **Dulux Trade** Paint Expert is the ultimate app for professionals specifying colour and product on decorating projects in the UK. Created especially for specifiers, the app provides useful tools and information on the go.

Dulux Trade Paint Expert App

VISUALIZER

Using your mobile or tablet, the new and exclusive **Dulux Trade** Visualizer lets you see different colour options on the wall in real time. Thanks to the unique augmented reality technology it all happens instantly, allowing you to try unlimited combinations and even save photos or videos to consider later. Featuring extra colour tools including those for matching and colour scheming, it's the ideal app to experiment with bolder schemes or narrow down existing colour choices with confidence.

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PROVIDING ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

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Specification Writing

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.

Site Visits

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.

To discuss further the specifics of your project and how **Dulux Trade** can help you, contact your local **Dulux Trade** Specifier Account Manager or email us at duluxtrade.advice@akzonobel.com

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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.

The Specifier Account Managers will ensure that Property Managers are kept closely informed about the status of all work in progress.

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.

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We can help and advise on Health and Safety issues relevant to the use of **Dulux Trade** products.

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