

## Children's clinic shows its colours!



"Child-friendly flooring for a children's [hospital](#) is comfortable to walk on and has an appealing design with a warm feel." Stated the selection committee that was responsible for the renovation on behalf of the architect and the board of St. Joseph children's hospital in the German town of Bochum.

"An abundance of just bright colours can actually have an adverse effect on children. So it should be possible to incorporate a near infinity of optional colours in a floor. Bolidt offered us that freedom.", said the chairman of the committee. "That is why it did not take us very long to decide on [Bolidtop](#) flooring from Bolidt."



In addition, the selection committee – consisting of the facilities manager, the chief medical officer, the construction manager and a designer - put a high value on maintenance efficiency. "Our cleaning service has to be able to clean the floors properly and quickly with common cleaning products. That saves time and therefore money, but it cannot in any way be at the expense of hygiene."

The floors also have to be resistant to every possible chemical, be seamless and jointless – also where hollow skirting is concerned - and naturally be wear-resistant.



The whole architecture is aimed at creating a pleasant and comforting atmosphere, where visitors can easily find their way as well. As for the design, the final choice was pale grey flooring, seamlessly inlaid with anthracite-coloured areas. To top it off, the floor incorporates aluminium flakes that perfectly match the colours of the wall and the doors.

The children's hospital in Bochum belongs to Ruhr University which will also make extensive use of Bolidt flooring systems in the future. In the middle of 2005, for instance, two labs will be furnished with special conductive Bolidt flooring and [Bolidtan](#) sports flooring will be fitted in a university rehabilitation centre.