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## Care homes: floors and walls guide

Transforming spaces in care,  
residential and nursing homes

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# Working together to create communities for all

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We know that care home residents may face physical challenges, complex learning difficulties or additional needs. Our aim is to work with you to create welcoming, attractive, inclusive and safe spaces to help residents live well physically and emotionally, using durable floors and walls solutions developed with this in mind.

We have worked on developing floors and walls for care homes over many years. We've collaborated with associations including Care England, Design in Mental Health and the University of Stirling's renowned Dementia Services Development Centre and worked with them to develop total solutions for this sector. We're confident that we understand the design challenges you face but we're never complacent; the needs of the residents you're creating a home for come first and you know these best. We're here to listen then help you choose the right floors and walls in the right colours for the right areas.

We partner with you on care homes with very different purposes. This includes nursing homes, where residents may need 24-hour care, residential homes, where people live permanently, or stay while recuperating, and retirement villages where the emphasis is on creating a community. Residents are of all ages and have hugely varying needs.

Many of you tell us that your priority is giving residents independence as this has such an important impact on wellbeing, both physically and mentally. Achieving this in a space that feels like home, not a clinic, makes even more difference. This is our starting point.





## Wellbeing in practice

As you know, you can boost wellbeing in care homes by transforming your spaces with the right aesthetics, effective way-finding, and noise reduction.

You've told us that wood-look floors are popular, versatile and comforting. Our wood-look solution, Altro Wood™ Safety, can run through most areas within a care home and, with 20 shades, gives design flexibility. Altro Wood™ Safety Comfort has the same benefits but offers comfort underfoot and 14dB impact sound reduction.

With our Altro Whiterock™ hygienic walls system, create the mood you need. With Altro Whiterock Digiclad™, which uses photographic images, create familiarity, warmth and a non-clinical atmosphere.

## Confident movement

Altro floors, doors and walls can be used to create points of recognition, zoning and even artworks to help residents find their way around. These also make life easier for visitors and staff.

If you need to complement, or match, corporate branding, we can help you find the right products and shades.



### Did you know?

For areas where residents, their families, or staff need peace and quiet, Altro Serenade absorbs up to 19dB and, at 3.9mm, is comfier to walk or sit on.





“Altro, through its experience in designing and developing care environments, has built up an impressive bank of knowledge, and has always strived to be at the cutting edge of design and innovation. Any service that is considering refurbishment, or developing new facilities, can gain a lot helpful advice from the Altro team.”

Professor Martin Green, OBE,  
Chief Executive, Care England

Liveability Spinal Unit

# Invisible safety

When people are at their most vulnerable, we work with you to create safe surroundings which lowers the risk of slips and help exceed hygiene and infection control standards, and do this without residents being aware. It helps with independence, dignity and creating a non-clinical, homely feel. For staff-only areas, such as the kitchen and laundry, safety measures can be reassuringly obvious, without compromising on aesthetics.

We offer a range of safety floors that can help prevent residents and staff slipping, plus a choice of floors for areas where there is a much lower slip risk.

A specialist shoe and barefoot floor is a must for wet environments where carers bathe residents, or residents want to be confidently independent. Altro Aquarius and Altro Pisces, reduce the risk of a slip to one in a million, even with common contaminants (see below). Both floors, which feature in the design manuals for numerous social care providers, combine perfectly with Altro Whiterock walls system to create a safe, hygienic and attractive bathing area.

Altro Stronghold™ 30, with our highest rating for slip resistance (PTV ≥55), prevents slips with common kitchen contaminants. Combined with Altro Whiterock it creates a safe, hygienic solution to protect kitchen staff. Both products are Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) approved, meaning they meet European legal requirements for food safety management.

Altro floors and walls have long guarantees and technical support for life. Our safety floors offer sustained slip resistance for the life of the floor.



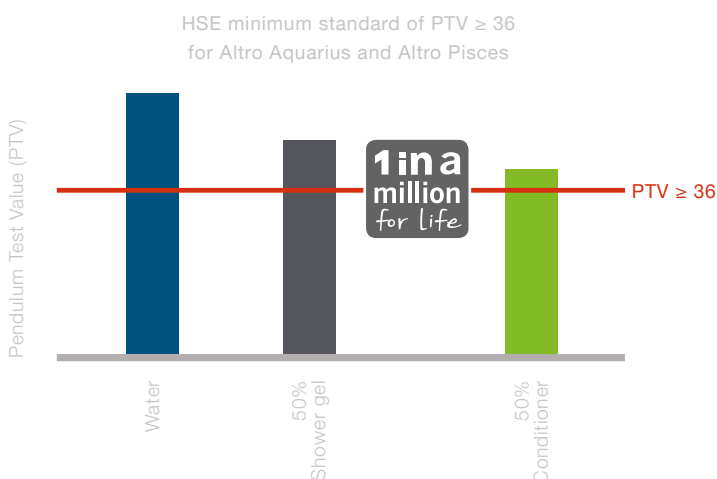
Altro Stronghold 30: one in a million slip risk with grease, oils and fats



Altro Pisces: lowers the risk of slips in shoes AND bare feet



Durable, hygienic and easy to clean walls systems



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Every year, over  
**one in three**  
people over 65 suffer  
a fall that can cause  
**serious injury**  
and even death.

Age UK 'Stop  
Falling' report.

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"We chose Altro Wood Safety, Altro Pisces and Altro Walkway 20 to help provide a homely appearance with excellent sustained slip resistance, durability and ease of maintenance. The end result is superb and we have had many wonderful, positive comments from residents, families and numerous healthcare professionals."

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**Paul Willis,**  
Owner, Willowbrook Care Home

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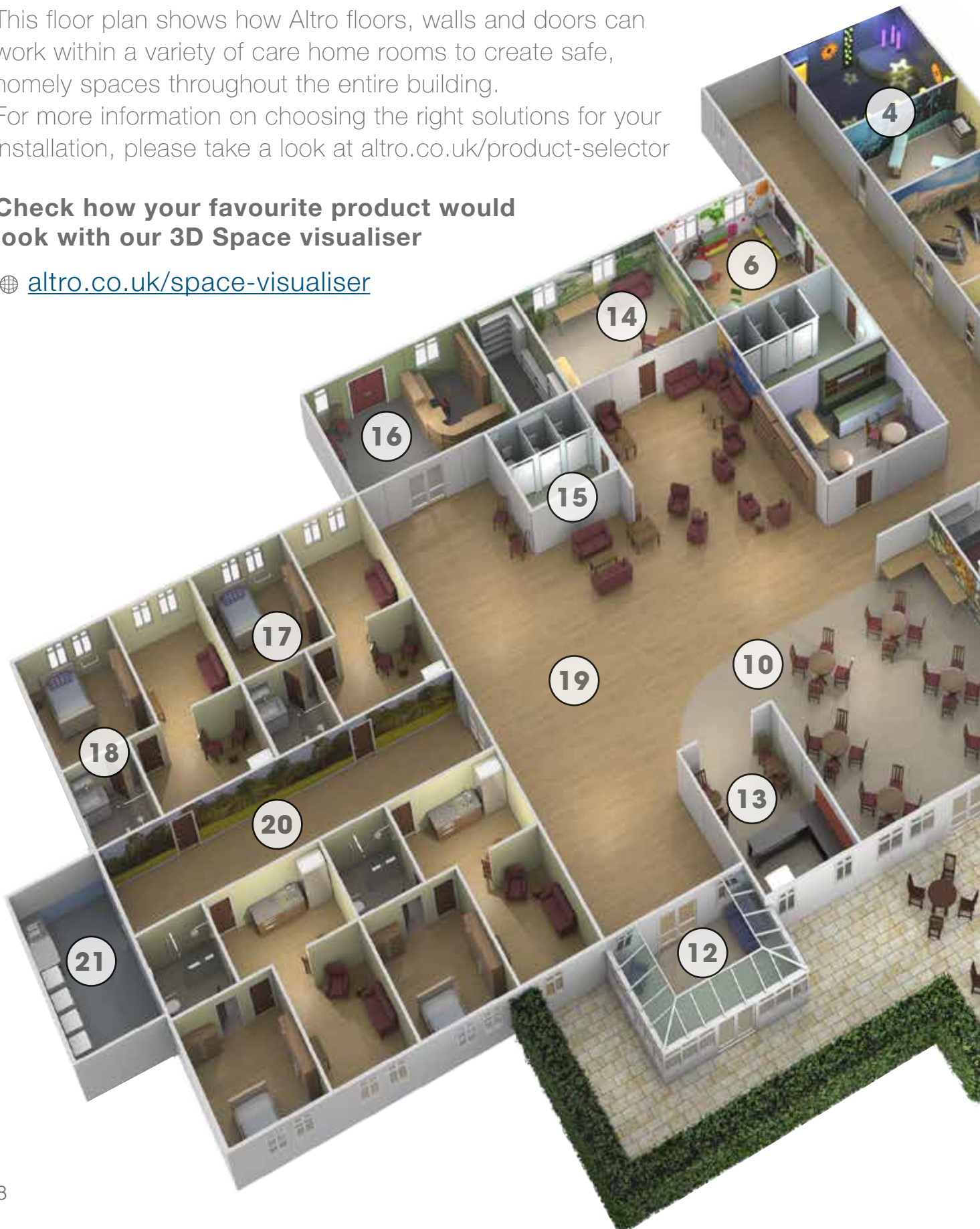
# Bringing care home design to life

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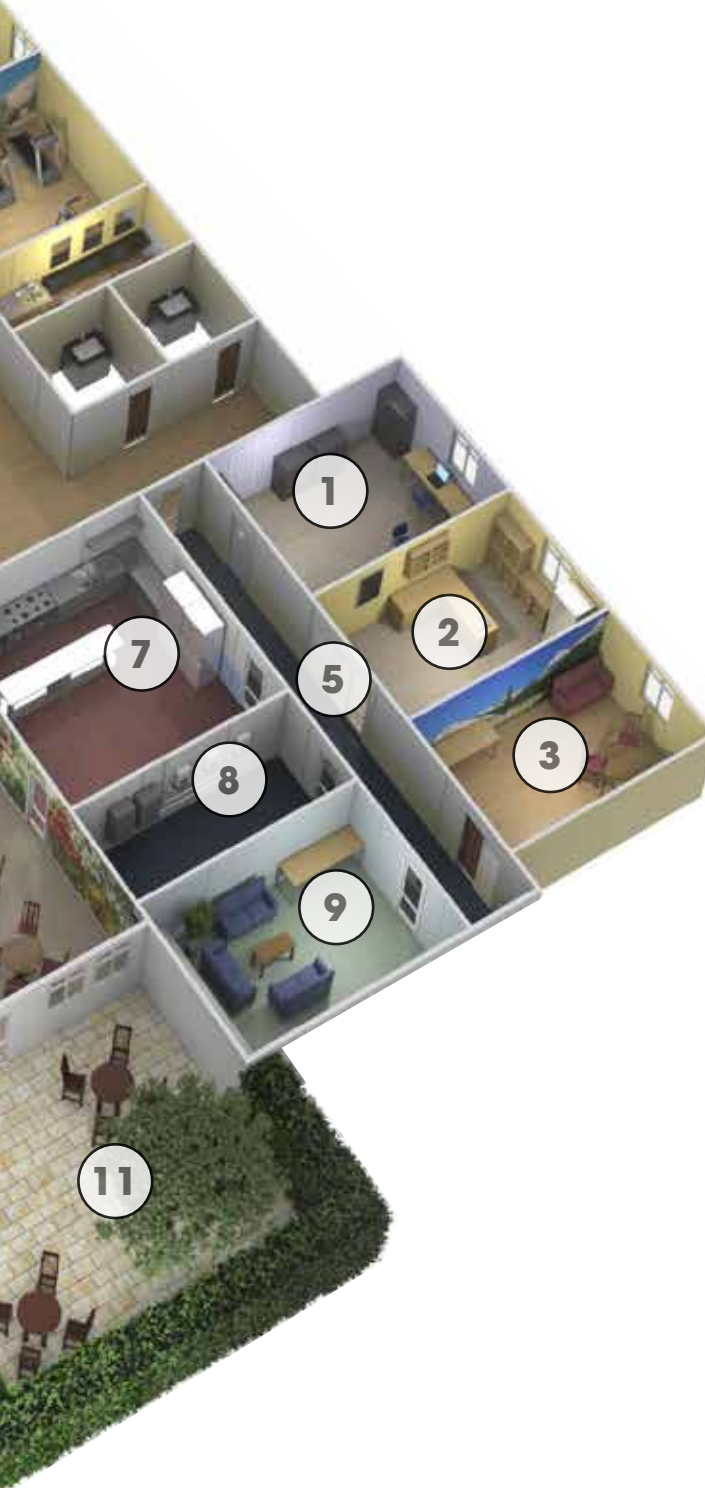
This floor plan shows how Altro floors, walls and doors can work within a variety of care home rooms to create safe, homely spaces throughout the entire building. For more information on choosing the right solutions for your installation, please take a look at [altro.co.uk/product-selector](http://altro.co.uk/product-selector)

**Check how your favourite product would look with our 3D Space visualiser**

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## 1. Administration

### Altro Wood Safety

Washed Oak ..... LRV 38

### Altro Whiterock Satins™

Malva ..... LRV 68

**Altro Whiterock™ hygienic doorset**  
in same colour as wall to discourage  
entrance

## 2. Shop

### Altro Operetta™

Glee ..... LRV 52

### Altro Whiterock Satins

Citron ..... LRV 80

## 3. Chill room

### Altro Wood Safety Comfort

Soft Oak ..... LRV 38

**Altro Whiterock Digiclad** to create  
non-clinical and calming surroundings

## 4. Treatment room

**Altro Whiterock Digiclad** to create  
non-clinical and calming surroundings

## 5. Service corridor

### Altro Reliance™ 25

Runway ..... LRV 10

### Altro Fortis Titanium™

Riviera ..... LRV 64

## 6. TEEACH room

### Altro Wood Safety

Farmhouse Oak ..... LRV 38

**Altro Whiterock Digiclad** to create  
non-clinical and calming surroundings

## 7. Kitchen

**Altro Whiterock White™** ..... LRV 89

### Altro Stronghold 30

Russet ..... LRV 14

## 8. Plant room

### Altro Reliance™ 25

Pool ..... LRV 10

### Altro Fortis Titanium

Riviera ..... LRV 64

## 9. Staff room

### Altro Cantata™

Wicked ..... LRV 37

### Altro Whiterock Satins

Seafoam ..... LRV 81

## 10. Dining area

### Altro Suprema

Oatmeal ..... LRV 38

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non-clinical and calming surroundings

## 11. Outdoor area

Chosen flooring should match LRV in  
adjacent indoor area

## 12. Conservatory

### Altro Suprema

Oatmeal ..... LRV 38

## 13. Activity area

### Altro Suprema

Oatmeal ..... LRV 38

### Altro Whiterock Splashbacks™

Juicy Lucy ..... LRV 20

## 14. Multi-purpose room

### Altro Serenade™

Cymbal ..... LRV 53

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non-clinical and calming surroundings

## 15. WC

### Altro Suprema

Fennel ..... LRV 25

### Altro Whiterock Satins

Linen ..... LRV 83

## 16. Reception

### Altro Suprema

Chinchilla ..... LRV 19

### Altro Whiterock Chameleon™

Eau de Chic ..... LRV 51

## 17. Bedroom

### Altro Wood Safety Comfort

Soft Oak ..... LRV 38

### Altro Whiterock Satins

Citron ..... LRV 80

## 18. Ensuite bathroom

### Altro Aquarius™

Vole ..... LRV 43

### Altro Whiterock Satins

Linen ..... LRV 83

## 19. Community rooms and living areas

### Altro Wood Safety

Farmhouse Oak ..... LRV 38

**Altro Whiterock Digiclad** and  
**Altro Whiterock Satins** to create  
pleasant, relaxing surroundings

## 20. General corridor

### Altro Wood Safety

Farmhouse Oak ..... LRV 38

### Altro Whiterock Digiclad

Help with way-finding and familiarity

## 21. Laundry and sluice room

### Altro Classic 25

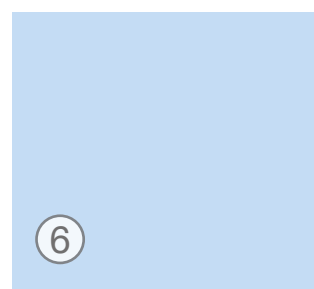
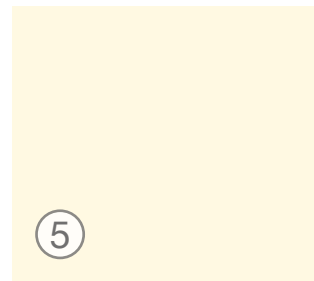
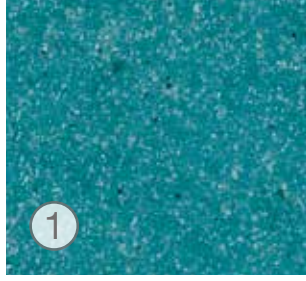
Aster ..... LRV 17

### Altro Fortis Titanium

Riviera ..... LRV 64

# Calming





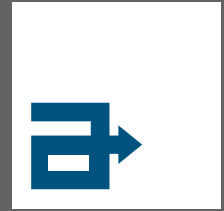
- 1. **Altro Suprema** | Aegean | SU2057 | LRV 23
- 2. **Altro Wood Safety** | Autumn Maple | WSA2005 | LRV 24
- 3. **Altro Aquarius** | Gosling | AQ12023 | LRV 59
- 4. **Altro Aquarius** | Deckchair | PX2013 | LRV 50
- 5. **Altro Whiterock Satins** | Citron | 56 | LRV 80
- 6. **Altro Whiterock Satins** | Clarity | 207 | LRV 64

## Samples

If colour choice is critical, please  
request a sample of the material

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