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Sports success for Gerflor at Pendle Leisure Centre with Taraflex®

As the need for the general population to become fitter increases local government and charitable organisations in England now provide a range of leisure services, including swimming, gym and other sports facilities. The provision of these facilities promotes social inclusion, community well-being and public health. It's a real nod to future-proofing the health of the nation.

In East Lancashire, the local community benefit from a range of leisure and fitness activities supplied by the Pendle Leisure Trust who are the major provider of sport, arts, entertainment and health and community programmes throughout the Pendle area. The Trust is responsible for operating three leisure centres, a spa, golf course, athletics and fitness centre, a theatre and an arts, culture and enterprise centre.

When the main sports hall floor at the Pendle Leisure complex in Colne near Manchester needed replacing, they turned to international flooring specialist Gerflor to supply 540m² of their world beating Taraflex® Evolution vinyl sports flooring in 'Blue' to deliver the looks, safety and performance they would ultimately demand. Gerflor is well-known as an official supplier for Olympic Games but also synonymous with sport and wellness since 1947.

The overall management of the new flooring installation would be the responsibility of property services company Liberata who have a satellite office in Nelson, Lancashire. Liberata offers a full range of award-winning property services to both the public and private sector. With over 35 years of experience, they provide cost effective solutions strengthened with design excellence to ensure property assets are of the highest standard, together with delivering the best possible return for the client.

Bruce Corden, Facility Manager, Liberata Property Services commented, "Pendle Leisure Trust secured grant funding from Sport England with match funding from Borough of Pendle to refurbish the 'drysides' facilities at the centre." On the main challenges surrounding the project Bruce Corden added, "there was a real need to complete the works around the current use of the facility, and with minimum downtime."

Taraflex® is available in 17 colours and three wood-effect designs. The improved Evolution product is now even safer, better performing and offers even more protection than before.

The greater protection has been obtained thanks to a total re-engineering of the CXP-HD™ foam technology that provides cushioning for exercise and sports play. Gerflor's Taraflex® Evolution continues to be the market benchmark in sports floors with outstanding durability, improved comfort and protection offering a P1 category shock absorbency (25% to 35%) and a new 7.5mm thickness.

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The product is treated with ProtecSol®, which renders polish redundant and is triple action meaning no polish is ever required, it contributes to easy maintenance and is anti-friction burn and slide/grip. Taraflex® Evolution from Gerflor is also ideal for renovation works and is available with the Dry-Tex™ System perfect for new construction or refurbishment projects with damp subfloors.

Bruce Corden further said, "We've had a very positive reaction from all user groups at the centre including badminton, exercise groups and indoor football teams. The Gerflor Taraflex® Evolution sports flooring has really exceeded our expectations."

The responsibility for the installation would fall to Chorley-based CRT Flooring Specialists Ltd in Lancashire. They are a professional Commercial Contract Flooring and Hygienic Wall Cladding Specialist based in the North West, who pride themselves on their high quality workmanship and excellent personal service.

Managing Director Chris Turner commented, "the Taraflex® Evolution sports vinyl product from Gerflor, has been installed and it looks stunning. It's a high-performance product that's got a world class pedigree."

Ultimately Gerflor's Taraflex® Evolution was a natural choice for the Pendle Leisure Centre as it is ideal for multi activity and multi-sports halls, providing both safety and comfort.

Bruce Corden concluded by finally saying, "the Gerflor Taraflex® sports flooring has helped to transform the main sports hall at Pendle Leisure Centre in Colne. Our client is absolutely delighted with the final look and performance of the product specified and installed We would certainly choose Gerflor again."

When it comes to creating a future-proof leisure centre, it seems by specifying Gerflor products you can be rest assured that you will have a world class solution to suit most budgets.

Learn more about Gerflor solutions, ask for a free sample or contact us to speak to a specialist today by calling 01926 622 600, emailing contractuk@gerflor.com, or visiting gerflor.co.uk for the latest innovations.

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