

# Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh

**Client:** Dorsuite  
**Project:** The new Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh  
**Total cost of build:** A lifetime price tag of more than £500m

## Background

Plans were approved in 2005 to build a new children's hospital in Edinburgh.

The new facility will replace the old Royal Hospital for Sick Children, currently based near Edinburgh city centre, that has been caring for children and young people in the Lothians and beyond for more than 150 years.

When opened, the new Royal Hospital for Sick Children will adjoin the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and will include a children's accident and emergency department.



## Project

The focus of the project was to develop plans and relocate the 'Sick Kids' hospital, as it is fondly known, from its present site to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh's campus in Little France.

According to Scottish Health Secretary Jeane Freeman, part of the world-class hospital will be operational in Spring 2020, with other services migrating to the new site later in the year.

Once opened, the new Royal Hospital for Sick Children will offer a range of services including acute medical and surgical care, specialist surgical and medical care, haematology and oncology, day care and critical care to children and young people.

## Vistamatic

More than 140 specialist vision panels from Vistamatic, the leading supplier of vision panels to healthcare facilities, were supplied to Glasgow-based Dorsuite for the Scottish hospital project.

Vistamatic's unique triple-glazed Vistamatic MAX-XL, both non-fire rated and FD30 fire rated, were made to measure. Specifically designed to offer a streamline appearance to any internal door, these full-length panels fit vertically into any door blank and were primarily used in the hospital's internal patient rooms.

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Ideal for projects in all sectors, not just healthcare, the MAX-XL provide a contemporary streamline appearance whilst offering the right amount of observation in a medical environment.

Easy to fit and install, with no cutting or drilling required, these vision panels from Vistamatic fit into any frame and can be manually operated to open or close the glazed observation panels.

As well as these full-length panels, which were supplied and fitted in the new Royal Hospital for Sick Children, a selection of smaller glazed secure vision panels were also created as part of the Vistamatic order.

These offer a large viewing aspect whilst demonstrating the appearance of a venetian blind. In a hospital environment, when patient care and privacy is of paramount importance, this allows nursing staff to monitor patients accurately and efficiently without compromising on people's dignity.

Dorsuite's project manager commented: "We have been incredibly busy working at the new hospital in Edinburgh. We ordered 142 vision panels from Vistamatic, which we asked to have delivered to our Glasgow site. We fitted the panels into our internal doors and we transported them to the new hospital site in Edinburgh.

"Due to the size of the development, and to avoid localised congestion, all contractors were given a timed delivery slot so they could get their products moved in. We had to adhere to these strict timings but everything went to plan as Vistamatic agreed to ship their products directly to us and we then organised a timed delivery.

"The vision panels from Vistamatic were perfect for the job."

Dorsuite was chosen to supply two major hospital projects in Scotland, in a combined deal worth around £6m. Together, well over 5,000 doorsets were delivered on budget, within agreed timescales and fitted by specialists.





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