

State-of-the-art Glasgow hospital protected by Nullifire

Staff, patients and visitors at the new Victoria Hospital in Glasgow may never realise it, but a major contribution to their safety comes from Nullifire. Certified contractors Pegasus Fire Protection has just completed the application of Nullifire intumescent coatings to structural steel throughout the project. Some 1,200 drums of Nullifire S707-60 have been applied to provide 60 minute fire protection to the building's structural steel. The £100m state-of-the-art facility is due to open in 2009 and will be one of the largest hospitals in Scotland, expected to treat around 400,000 patients each year.

The Nullifire water-based product was specified as being exceptionally versatile, having no need for a top seal in non-decorative areas, having a smooth, fibre-free surface and being easy to clean and maintain. It is independently tested and certified to BS 476 Part 20-21: 1987 and has Association for Specialist Fire Protection 'Yellow Book' approval.

Building work on the new Victoria Hospital officially got underway in November 2006, with the Minister for Health and Community Care cutting the first turf. The landmark development will signal a new era in patient care and comfort, equipped with state-of-the art imaging machines and advanced day surgery theatres. Built on a site directly opposite the existing hospital, it will cover three floors in an area of more than 30,000 square metres.

The hospital is being built by Balfour Beatty for the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, as part of a continuing programme of major improvements to its hospital and campus sites. The improvements include re-design of services to provide modern health care, in fit-for purpose buildings, including £750 million of investment in acute hospital services.