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When the decision was made to convert the Bay Studios Elba building into a field hospital in Swansea to cater for the anticipated spread of the coronavirus, the factories of the Installation Materials Division were proud to offer the NHS their support and service for the cable containment aspect of the construction. The speed required by the Swansea Council for the project presented challenges to all suppliers but ones that the Centaur and Tamlex brands of the IM Division were determined to overcome.

M&L Building & Electrical Services of Tonypandy were chosen as the preferred subcontractors. Following a site visit from IMD Regional Sales Manager Mark Hobden, they selected the FastConnect basket tray from Tamlex and the Meridan range of PVCu dado trunking from Centaur Manufacturing.

Despite the imperative of the pandemic, pricing and availability needed to be a key component to ensure a smooth outcome to the installation. Quotations were speedily generated and production and stocks reserved for next day supply.

Direct communication between M&L Building & Electrical Services and the factories enabled supplies to be shipped direct from the factory gate to the site.

To support cabling throughout, the FastConnect basket tray provided a speedy and time saving solution. Each length is supplied with a coupler at one end to save time resourcing separate items and the lengths are simply clipped together without the use of any tools. All wire ends are de-burred to prevent any snagging or damage as cables are laid in. FastConnect complies with EN 61537 for electrical continuity and C6 corrosion resistance.

To provide the PVCu cable management at dado level, Centaur's Meridian three compartment soft edge profile again provided a quick installation with its clip-on covers and adjustable internal and external corner bends. Made from self-extinguishing

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1,000 Hospital beds

6,000 km FastConnect Basket Tray

10,000 km Meridian Dado Trunking

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PVCu the Meridian range is also available with antimicrobial properties that have been independently tested and found to restrict the growth of bacteria by up to 99.99%.

Thomas Foulkes, Electrical Manager at M&L commented, "We initially went with Tamlex and Centaur as they quoted competitively and they said they could meet our strict delivery schedule. The direct communication was good and we were kept up to date throughout. The product went in easily so we were most impressed by the whole experience." The temporary 1000 bed hospital occupies the space of several football pitches and now has over 6,000 kilometres of Tamlex FastConnect basket tray and a little under 10,000 kilometres of Centaur Meridian dado trunking.

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"We were delighted to be part of such an installation", said Stewart Carline Factory Manager of Tamlex, "even though it was completed during the height of the lockdown period Team Tamlex worked weekends to get this done which makes me very proud of everyone here".





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