

## Newbyres Village, Edinburgh



Seating and occasional furniture designed by Knightsbridge Furniture has been specified for a care home for the elderly near Edinburgh

The order for Newbyres Village includes Knightsbridge upholstered armchairs, coffee tables and café furniture, all intended to create a welcoming ambience whilst meeting the demanding performance specifications which apply across the UK residential care sector.

Newbyres Village is a care home for older people operated by Midlothian Council in Gorebridge, an old mining town set in picturesque countryside 10 miles south-east of Edinburgh. The facility is arranged in five colour-coded wings and offers a homely yet secure environment for up to 60 frail and infirm elderly people, including several in wheelchairs and a number with forms of dementia at varying stages. Each resident has a single bedroom with en-suite facilities and all the rooms have views across the landscaped gardens. Individual doors to the front and back of each room provide access both to the communal areas and to private patios which residents are encouraged to make their own.

Working with project interior designers from The Miller Partnership, Midlothian Council selected furniture from the new Knightsbridge Care Furniture portfolio for all the

residential suites and community areas. Each bedroom features an armchair from the Knightsbridge Rossetti range, finished in Chieftain Solara vinyl to combine the comfort of supportive upholstery with practical styling, whilst the elegant yet contemporary décor is maintained in the communal areas with Knightsbridge Melrose seating in wing, high-back and club configurations, plus Katrine stackable upright armchairs. Fabric in a range of designs by Skopos and Panaz ensures the upholstery upholds an inviting and non-utilitarian feel whilst remaining waterproof, flame retardant and soil resistant.

In each wing, the café-style bistro and lounge are also populated by Knightsbridge furniture. The simple styling of the company's Balerno coffee tables and Rondo dining chairs and tables is heightened by the warm natural wood and sleek brushed chrome, with the rounded edges and heat-resistant surfaces ensuring their appeal endures.