

# A breath of fresh air for your care home

## CASE STUDY CRICK CARE HOME

### Background

Crick Care Home is located between Newport and Chepstow on the A48. The staff look after 47 elderly residents, with activities including regular poetry classes, gardening, baking events and choir visits.

The home's management team prides itself on offering a spacious environment for residents, visitors and staff. A light and airy day lounge combines with a comfortable dining room and wide corridors to help residents and staff with easy access and a pleasant place in which to live and work.

Crick Care Home is registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales and is a member of the Registered Nursing Home Association, ensuring the highest standards of care are maintained.

### The Challenge

In terms of air quality, odour was the main challenge facing those at Crick Care Home, as it is for many communal places of residence. Being a busy care home facility, it was important to address this issue to ensure the happiness and wellbeing of residents, visitors and staff.

An antiquated air system was in need of upgrading, so Estates Manager Roger Saxton began to search for a more modern and efficient system to replace it. The home's first system to ensure odour free air used only 'biozone' units and air fresheners.

### The Solution

As part of Crick Care Home's focus on providing a comfortable place to live for all residents, and with research showing the effectiveness of HEPA filters, the team at Crick Care Home decided to implement the AeraMax Pro air purifying system.

In total, five purifiers were planned and installed, according to how much use each would need. This ensured that the systems are fit for purpose, minimising any noise. The largest system was placed in the main lounge area alongside two smaller systems, while other units were installed in other communal areas of the home.

### The Results

“ There's been a noticeable difference in odours since installing the AeraMax Pro technology.

Our view of a successful air system is making sure that once it's installed, no one notices it's there and this has been our experience at Crick Care Home with the AeraMax Pro system.

**Roger Saxton, Estates Manager**

