

Abloy provides safe access control for Devon Community Home

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Security expert Abloy UK has supplied Devon Community Home in Exeter with Abloy EL560 solenoid locks and handles to provide an access controlled anti-ligature solution as part of a wider security package.

Devon Community Home was looking for a high-security locking mechanism to be fitted throughout a new refurbishment of an existing unit. Exeter based, Guardian Security was brought in to undertake a survey to establish the best solution to fit the requirement.

Suitable for use in all kinds of access control systems, Abloy electric locks ensure freedom of access as well as maintaining the security of each door whilst meeting the requirements of EN179 and EN1125. They are ideal for use in high-security areas and are designed to work in conjunction with access, door automation and hands-free systems.

Devon Community Home offers independence training to underprivileged young people aged between 151/2 and 18 years old to help them become independent and achieve their full potential.

Young people at places such as Devon Community Home are often very vulnerable, and some can have a tendency towards self-harm. Because of this, it's important that door security equipment is of a high standard, and features a design that minimises it being used an accessory to injury or self-harm.



Products designed to prevent self-harm are known as antiligature, and are widely used in prisons, detention centres, young offender's institutions, psychiatric hospitals and care homes, and generally anywhere people might be at harm to themselves.

For the refurbishment at Devon Community Home, Guardian Security (South West) was employed to design and specify the entire system. It selected the Abloy EL560 handle controlled lock case for solid doors, which has handles on both sides of the door. The outside handle is electrically controlled (by reader or push button), and the inside handle opens the solenoid lock.

The Abloy EL560 electric lock features an easily reversible trigger bolt, a quick-change fail locked to fail unlocked, and boasts a deadbolt and anti-friction bolt deadlock when the door closes. It has also been tested to standard EN12209 for mechanical resistance.

Sean Monger, Managing Director of Guardian Security (South West), said: "We choose the Abloy products because they are both durable and secure and provide a safe locking solution as well as being fully compliant with fire regulations.

"The EL560 was an obvious choice to provide a high security fully compliant locking solution. Controlling access to the various rooms within the home is a major part of this, so we fitted double magnets (read in and read out) to the external doors and Abloy EL560 solenoid locks to the internal doors.

"Delivering an access control solution where a combination of life safety and security is required mixed with the rights for privacy and dignity can be a difficult job to get right. But we're really pleased with the installation at Devon Community Home and know we made the right choice with Abloy."

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