

”A bathroom that feels like home”

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KONGEBROCENTRET

Nursing home, Kolding municipality



THE PROJECT

Kongebrocentret located in the Danish town of Christiansfeld is a modern nursing home founded in 2007. In 2018 the nursing home expanded with 10 new apartments. The new apartments are light and friendly, and they perfectly meet the expectations and standards of the nursing home as regards flexibility, comfort, and innovation. When designing the apartments, there was a strong focus on the residents, and that they could be as independent as possible because self-reliance and independency provide them with higher quality of life. Furthermore, the staff needed a healthy and good working environment as well. Thus aesthetics, functionality, and price have been essential elements in the choice of products.

” It is very important that the products look nice, and that there is a perfect match between the residents’ needs and the product functionality. It is also very important to us that the company behind the products is serious and dedicated. Finally, the price must be reasonable as well.”



Linda Kristensen
Head of the nursing home Kongebrocentret

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THE CHALLENGE

When designing a bathroom intended for people with different physical needs, the solutions may often be too institutional.

Kongebrocentret had a clear request that the product design as well as functionality had to be first class. However, the comfort and cosiness of the apartments could not be compromised.

Moreover, the bathroom design should also provide the nursing staff with the necessary space so that they can help to move the resident without taking a bad work posture.

THE SOLUTION

The bathrooms in the nursing home apartments are furnished with flexible, stable, and pure style products, which offer the residents and their helpers the necessary support and space. The washbasin and the toilet are height-adjustable, and thus the bathroom can be adapted for users with different physical needs. The users can hold on to the integrated grab rails in the washbasin, the shower rails, and the arm supports at the toilet, which offers extra comfort in their everyday lives.

As the bathroom offers the necessary space, wheelchair users can easily manoeuvre in the bathroom, and thanks to the free space under the washbasin, the wheelchair can get under the washbasin as well.

BENEFITS

With the choice of materials and products, the apartments in Kongebrocentret do not seem or look institutional at all. The apartments are light, friendly, and welcoming, and the comfort and cosiness have a convincing effect as well.

The design provides the residents with the opportunity to be more self-reliant so that they can stay independent for as long as possible. In addition, the design also improves the working conditions for the staff. Thus, the users and the helpers are offered higher quality of life and welfare in their everyday lives.

”Once the bathroom has been fitted, you cannot just change it. Therefore, it is essential to do it right the first time.”

”The small details make the difference to the resident – e.g. that the toilet can be adjusted up and down to the right height, and that the washbasin is fitted with a grab rail which the resident can hold on to in order to keep the balance.”

”Comfort and dignity are very important aspects. Thus, we have designed the apartments in a way that helps the resident to the highest possible independency.”

”We wanted to signal that Kongebrocentret is a real home, and even though many aids are available at the home, it should not seem or look like an institution, and I think that we succeeded pretty well in that.”

Jan Jacobsen,
Engineer, Municipal Properties at Kolding Municipality. Project Manager of the new extension to the nursing home Kongebrocentret in 2018