





CARE & NURSING HOME DEVELOPER

Castleoak is a specialist developer of care homes and care villages across the UK.

At any one time it has up to 15 projects on site, which are a mix of development and design & build contracts for leading commercial and not-for-profit care operators. Recent care home developments in Welling, Plumstead,

and Wadhurst are among the many projects Girbau UK has worked in partnership with Castleoak to equip the laundries to meet the operators' long-term requirements.

As an experienced care home developer Castleoak has a good understanding of regulatory and operational requirements of care sector laundries. In the early

stages of design, it is therefore able to share information with Girbau UK about the size of the home, number of beds and the location and size of the laundry.

Girbau takes this data and comes back with a detailed laundry design that includes recommendations on layout to include the required clean and dirty areas, full mechanical drawings and the ideal machine choices for hygienic and

efficient operation. For 60 bed homes, typical of the project size Castleoak develops, this is likely to include two Girbau HS High Spin commercial washers and two of Girbau's latest energy efficient gas dryers.

Castleoak will agree the initial specification with Girbau, but this can be subject to revision in consultation with the home's operator, who may want to make changes before the final

design is signed off. At this point Girbau UK is also able to offer a choice of packages to suit the customer's needs, which can include long-term maintenance agreements over and above the initial warranty.

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"Girbau UK are a reliable partner for laundry equipment. They are proactive, responsive and professional. We know we can rely on them and they won't let us down," says Jonathan Bolton, Design and Build Manager at Castleoak. "Their detailed knowledge of laundry design and operation is an added value-package that we pass on in the completed project."

CASTLEOAK CHOSE GIRBAU UK FOR:

- Competitive pricing
- Laundry design and expertise
- Provision of full CAD drawings
- Dealing direct with the manufacturer

Castleoak prides itself in being passionate about the care sector, the only one it has worked in since 1996. In that time it has built over 150 care homes and 3,000 apartments for many of the UK's leading not-for-profit and commercial care operators. It prides itself on being at the forefront of sustainable development within the care sector.

