



Gmunden hospital in Austria: healthy air aids recovery.

Gmunden hospital is organised along the standard pattern of six specialist departments and two institutes. It is also a teaching hospital for doctors and nursing staff. The hospital provides a total of 355 beds (235 at the Gmunden site and a further 120 at Buchberg/Traunkirchen), and employs a total of 676 people. Patients can expect to receive the latest treatments that medical science has to offer, and to recover in a pleasant and conducive climate.



New physiotherapy rooms, a 25 m² hydrotherapy pool and two gymnasiums were opened in an annexe that was built in the first phase of expansion and refurbishment. The annexe also houses a multi-purpose assembly hall with a floor area of 220 m². Next in the pipeline is an expanded orthopaedics department and central operating theatre suite. Still at the construction planning stage are new facilities for acute geriatrics and remobilisation, a central goods inward bay, a vehicle base for doctors on emergency call duty, and a duty room for emergency services teams. Additional parking spaces are also planned.

Systematic approach to health

A controlled climate is obviously most important inside a hospital, both to meet demanding requirements in operating theatres and laboratories and to assist patient recovery.

This was the reason for installing a novaPro Open as the building control system at Gmunden hospital. It incorporates 2,850 data points, 15 distribution points with 60 motor control centres and a total of 59 EY2400 and EY3600 substations. There is also an operating console for the

receptionists, which includes an alarm printer and a system for alerting the various emergency services.

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Johann Baumgartinger, the hospital's commercial director, points out that practicality, efficiency and economy feature large in the hospital's business management and administration. Thus, in 2003, Gmunden hospital consumed just 2039.15 MWh of electricity, 91.21 MWh of gas and 3546 MWh of heat from a district heating net-

work – impressively little for a building complex of this order.

The latest building work and investment will bring Gmunden district hospital a corresponding place in the Salzkammergut regional healthcare system, so it will continue to be a popular medical and care resource.

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