DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Wokingham Medical Centre, Berkshire

Internal wall and ceiling

by Barbara Weiss Architects

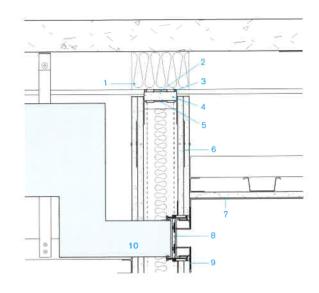


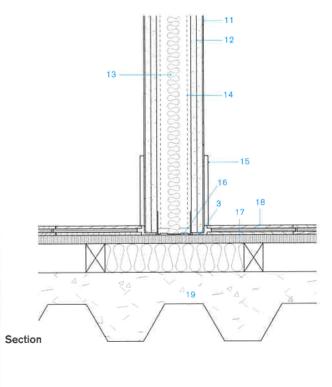
here are two notable features of this detail, from what may turn out to be Britain's largest single-site GP surgery (AJ 30.05.14), subject to the anticipated expansion of its register. The first of these features is the absence of a coved skirting, the second the provision of a ventilation slot instead of a large grille. Both contribute to the non-institutional character of the centre.

Although coved skirtings - a typical characteristic of hospital design, which is governed by prescriptive hygiene guidelines - are not mandatory in medical centres, other architects and clients might have chosen this option. Barbara Weiss Architects preferred simple, planted MDF skirtings, with engineered timber flooring tucked underneath, above a shallow raised floor which helps to maximise headroom.

The head detail allows the existing overhead slab to deflect with Gyproc Core Board sliding between the twin layers of Gyproc SoundBloc on each side of the partition.

Plan





- 1, Insulation within floor profile
- 2. Gyproc FireStrip
- 3. Gyproc sealant
- 4. Gyproc CoreBoard 5. Top channel attached
- to fixing panel 6. Gypframe GFS1 fixing
- strap to horizontal joint 7. Gyproc Casoline
- ceiling system
- 8. FlowBar slot diffuser
- 9. Plaster finish
- 10. Plenum box and extract duct
- 11. Plaster skim coat
- 12, Two layer, 12.5mm Gyproc SoundBloc to each side of partition
- 13. Isover acoustic partition insulation
- 14. 70mm Gypframe AcouStud
- 15. MDF skirting
- 16. 72mm bottom channel fixed to raised floor
- 17. Raised floor
- 18. Engineered timber flooring
- 19, Floor structure
- 50mm