



## Folding screens win ground

**Staff at Hvidovre Hospital Day Surgery Unit are very pleased with the introduction of Silentia's screen system.**

Folding screens are gaining growing popularity in Danish hospitals as a replacement for curtains for screening off patients.

At Odense University Hospital, folding screens were installed during the extension of the intensive care and recovery ward, and similar screens were recently installed in the

day surgery unit at Hvidovre Hospital, where patients are brought immediately after surgery.

"We've been using them for around three weeks and we think they're great," comments ward nurse Susi Thorup after a survey among her colleagues.

"This is a really good solution, the staff are very pleased with them and so are the patients. The main reason is that the screens are very hygienic and easy to manage. The only complaint is that we unfortunately ordered a couple that were too short," says Susi Thorup.

The screens at both hospitals were supplied and installed by Silentia ApS. At Hvidovre Hospital they now have 14 screen sets installed between patients' beds,



*Silentia folding screen mounted on a pole, folded and extended.*

consisting of a Silentia fixed screen, pole and folding screen, as well as five end screens in widths of 1.5 and 2.0 metres to provide screening at the ends of beds.

“We began installing them in September after a thorough decision-making process and evaluation of solutions previously supplied to Hvidovre Hospital. This meant we could tailor a solution to suit the ward and its applications, and I got the impression that Silentia was chosen for its hygiene, good design and flexibility, as well as the fact that the screens have a much ‘friendlier’ look that is brighter and more welcoming than curtains,” says Henrik Fribo-Søndergaard, CEO of Silentia ApS.

The main advantage of the folding screens over curtains is hygiene. Research in the U.S. has revealed the presence of contamination containing pathogenic bacteria in 119 out of 180 curtain screens that were examined. Folding screens are easy and straightforward to clean.

Other benefits are that rooms with folding screens are brighter, the screens do not obstruct hoist equipment and that folding screens provide the best possible screening for patients and a good working environment for staff.

### EXCEPTIONAL FLEXIBILITY

The screens offer great flexibility, so screening can be tailored to suit equipment, patients and staff.

The ambition behind the development of the Silentia screen system is to create products that are easy to use, easy to install, easy to clean, can easily be combined with

each other and are aesthetically appealing to patients and staff.

The product range is extensive and comprises a system of folding screens, end screens and fixed screens that can be mounted on trolleys for maximum mobility, fixed to the wall or floor using a pole, or attached to existing wall rails.



*Silentia folding screen, a combination of fixed screen, folding screen and mobile end screen.*

### SILENTIA CAN PROVIDE ADVICE, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND STAFF INSTRUCTION.

You can request a newly updated brochure with more photos showing Silentia’s fixed screens in combination with folding screens by emailing: [info@silentia.se](mailto:info@silentia.se) or download it from: [www.silentia.eu](http://www.silentia.eu)

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screens and screen trolleys are equipped with handles to make them even easier to handle and move around wards.

A four-minute video at [www.silentia.eu](http://www.silentia.eu) provides a clear overview of the complete Silentia system and its many applications.

Silentia is a Swedish-based company

with headquarters in Falkenberg, where 25–30 employees produce the full range of screens, available in many different combinations of sizes, mounting options, colours, etc. The Danish arm of the company was founded two years ago by 48-year-old Henrik Fribo-Søndergaard.