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Dementia-friendly wards

Case for support

A calming, safe and homely space for our dementia patients

Raising Health are really proud to raise funds for initiatives which go above and beyond core NHS funding to achieve the best outcomes for patients.

We are seeking support to help Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust with transforming their **community hospitals and mental health units for older people into dementia-friendly spaces**, through calming, welcoming environments that reduce confusion and promote wellbeing.

These improvements will make a real difference to the quality of care and comfort **for those in our patient care, living with dementia.**

A hospital stay can be unsettling for anyone, but for people living with dementia, unfamiliar surroundings can be overwhelming and frightening. Even small details, such as changes in flooring or lighting, can cause distress.

To address this, we aim to create wards that are clearly marked and thoughtfully designed, helping patients feel safe and comfortable while supporting the high-quality care they receive. From wall colours and signage to clocks and other features, every thoughtful adaptation makes a meaningful difference.



Our ambition

LPT have seven community hospitals, with thirteen wards in total, as well as mental health units with four wards for older people.

We want to build environments that calm, reassure, and empower patients to move with confidence and independence.

Flooring

Currently, the flooring on the wards are either very shiny, appearing wet or slippery to patients with dementia or are not continuous and look different in each room, which can be confusing and frightening. That leads to patients not wanting to walk on certain parts of the floor.

Matt wood effect flooring that continuous flows through-out the wards would have such a huge impact on helping us to ensure patients feel they can walk around the wards freely and safely.



Lighting

We also want to replace the lighting on the wards from the strip lighting that creates a lot of glare to circadian rhythm lighting which would automatically change throughout the day, supporting patients with their natural sleep-wake cycle.

We also would like to re-paint the walls to be bright, helping the wards look spacious and welcoming. Using dementia-friendly colours throughout will help patients distinguish between different areas and recognise where they need to go, reducing confusion and anxiety.

**Walls , doors
and signage**



This project would also include dementia friendly signage with pictures and clocks to help avoid confusion and make it clear where patients need to go.

Special touches

In addition we also want to create elements on the wards that support the care our staff are giving and activities that can be enjoyed.

Memory boxes

We would like to be able to provide activity boxes around the wards to help stimulate memories for patients living with dementia. These boxes will contain a variety of materials, including paint sets and storyboards depicting everyday scenes.



Digital displays



We would also love to have digital displays across our wards, showing slideshows of pictures to stir memories for patients living with dementia and provide a sense of comfort, while encouraging conversations about the past.

Multi-sensory solutions

We would like to equip our wards with multi-sensory tools such as interactive projection systems.

These portable units create engaging floor or table-based activities that respond to movement, helping people living with dementia stay stimulated, calm, and connected.

With easy setup and hundreds of sensory activities, they support meaningful engagement, relaxation, and inclusive participation for people of all abilities.



Acoustic panels



As part of this project, we would like to install acoustic panels on the wards to help create a calm and comfortable atmosphere for patients.

These panels will help absorb a lot of the noise on the wards, reducing reverberation, creating a feeling of calm which is particularly important and beneficial for dementia patients who may have a heightened sensitivity to noise.

Creating a quieter environment on the wards will help to improve emotional wellbeing for our patients and even encourage social interactions and reduce feelings of isolation.



“Our wards are central to the care we provide. For patients with dementia, feeling **calm and safe** is crucial. By creating dementia-friendly spaces, we can **reduce confusion** and enhance the quality of care they receive.”

How you can help us

This is a very ambitious project with the estimated value of all improvements reaching above **£1 million** as we aim for a significant impact on our dementia patients **across all thirteen wards at seven community hospitals and four mental health units for older people.**

The figures below wouldn't pay for the full set of improvements but your contributions will help us make a huge impact.

*Thanks For
Your Support*



£2,000 could contribute towards new LED lighting at one ward



£9,000 could secure a mult-sensory projector for one of the wards



£20,000 could support specialised painting at one of the wards



£50,000 could support suitable flooring for one of the wards



£100,000 could bring full set of improvements to one of 17 environments we aim to support

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