



CASE STUDY

Ash Ward - Paediatrics

Paediatric Treatment Room – Out of this World...

Problem:

The treatment room on Ash Ward (Paediatrics) had recently been renovated and was left with bare walls. There was no indication that it was a paediatric area of care and the only things to see were a lot of medical equipment; blood bottles and syringes etc. – not very child friendly!

It is known that a lack of distraction for children can lead to increased anxiety and poor experience, which can have a negative impact on any procedure or treatment; this could also result in the procedure taking longer, leading to more anxiety for all concerned.

Solution:

To decorate the treatment room in a child- friendly way; ensuring the patient's wellbeing is the main focus. (A treatment room on Oak Ward had previously been decorated by a charity and received a lot of positive comments from patients, families and staff).

A range of wall stickers were purchased using 'Be the Change' winning money and an unused projector was put to good use.

Change Champions:

Izabela Wakula, Health Play Specialist

Outcomes and Benefits:

The treatment room has now been decorated with a space and galaxy theme. Wipeable stickers have been applied to the walls. A projector has been safely secured and children on the treatment bed can now be distracted by a moving galaxy on the ceiling.

This is now a positive and child friendly environment with lots to distract; counting the rockets, aliens or planets and for older patients; watching the galaxy or having an imaginary guided tour of space.

