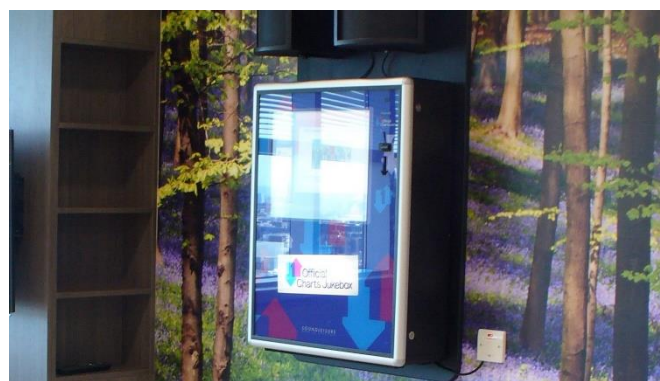


THANK YOU FROM TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

A HUGE thank you to all the Trustees and many supporters of Tildy's Trust who donated £100,000 towards the refurbishment programme at the Teenage Cancer Trust unit, T12, at University College Hospital, London.

This is our biggest and busiest unit, so the work has taken place over the past four months, as the unit needed to remain fully operational, so it has been refurbished one bedroom at a time to ensure the least possible disruption to the unit. Our units are designed to feel more like a home than a hospital ward. They reflect what young people tell us they need, so they're comfortable, contemporary and communal – rather than simply clinical.

They're places where young people with cancer can meet others going through similar experiences. They're somewhere they can talk over a game of pool or Call of Duty. And if this doesn't happen naturally, our Youth Support Coordinator, Linda is there to get the young people who are well enough, up and out of bed and into the recreation room for a range of activities. This can include games, arts and crafts, or pizza nights. Linda also offers formal and informal peer support sessions on a 1:1 basis and with groups of patients and their parents within the recreation room.



The recreation room at the unit now makes use of every single inch of space in a really comfortable environment for young people to take time out from their rooms.

Lots of work has gone on behind the scenes in the recreation room to ensure a completely reliable Wi-Fi system – essential for keeping in touch on Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter etc. All the lighting has been replaced to provide a more relaxed vibe.

There is flexible comfortable seating so that the room can be used in a whole variety of ways: film evenings, gaming competitions, space for a large group to meet, or smaller more cosy set ups as required.

There is an extending table so it can accommodate a small group for dinner, or a big crowd for activities with the Youth Support Co-ordinator. The ever important juke box is back, but wall mounted to take up as little space as possible and there is a new coffee area for making drinks 24/7.



All the bedrooms have been refurbished with bespoke fitted furniture, with comfortable facilities for parents, or partners to stay over.

A welcome screen has been added to provide information for young people and their families.

The nurses station has been improved providing more space and importantly space that works for them to complete their paperwork.... And finally the corridors have been improved with new graphics and light boxes so that particularly in the evenings there is more ambient light.

None of this would have been possible without the amazing support of Tildy's Trust.

Thank you for all that you have done inspired by Tildy to support Teenage Cancer Trust over the past few years at UCLH and also at our units at Southampton and the Royal Marsden. It is amazing how much has been achieved by Tildy's Trust and many other young people now continue to benefit from being supported by expert staff in the best possible environment as they go through their treatment.

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