

Reminiscence Room Opens on Ebony Ward



Ann Aldous-Dunn said:
We wanted to create something for patients that feels familiar and comforting to them. Patients with dementia lose their short term memory but can remember things from their past. The Reminiscence Room is somewhere they can go, away from the clinical feel of a hospital ward and more like a small living room in the 1950s. The TV can go on and a range of films from that time can be seen from a comfortable chair next to

On Wednesday 18th May the Mayor, Councillor, John Burrell accompanied by the Mayoress, his wife Eija, came to Ebony ward to open a very special room. The Reminiscence Room is a place where patients on the ward go to enjoy the familiar surroundings of their past. With replica items spanning the 30s to the 60s, pictures of stars gone by can be seen on the walls and a 1950s style television stands in the corner. A hidden sound system plays music from decades gone by. Chief Executive, Susan Acott, Dementia Buddy Co-ordinator, Ann Aldous-Dunn and Senior Sister, Denise Hylton-Macintosh, joined the Mayor and Mayoress at the cutting of the ribbon declaring the new facility open.

the tea table. Friends and family can join them and they can relax.

Simon Tombs, Carillion's Catering Manager supported the event by donating all of the refreshments which included homemade cakes, sandwiches and similar finger foods. These were all enjoyed by both patients, staff and guests. Carillion continue to supply free of charge special blue cutlery, beakers and crockery too wards who support dementia care within the hospital. This is due to research showing that people suffering with memory problems identify better with this colour.