

'Sensory Studio' opens for children's play and therapy

On Thursday 8 December 2005 the Children's Ward at the North Hampshire Hospital will open their newly refurbished Sensory Studio for the children under their care.

The Sensory Studio offers an environment for nursing and therapy staff to enable children and young people with a variety of needs including chronic illness, physical or learning disability, to have some special time and space for relaxation, distraction or sensory stimulation.

Disability Services Manager, Fiona Corkhill, explained, "This amazing room has been refurbished by the generous donations received from Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity in conjunction and with the support of Business Environment a local provider of serviced offices on Basingstoke's Basing View."

Mr. Stuart Rogers Chief Executive of Rays of Sunshine has worked closely with staff and hospital play specialists to refurbish the studio to a very high spec and added "I know how much this will benefit the care of many children and young people whether they are in hospital or coming in from home for a therapy session".

Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity fulfils wishes for children with serious and terminal illness. It also provides equipment to hospitals, hospices and specialist schools to enable them to provide even better care for these children.

David Saul, Managing Director of Business Environment, said "We are proud to support Rays of Sunshine in providing help to local communities in all the locations where we operate."

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