

# CHILDREN'S HEALTH

On the top floor of the BEACH building, the new purpose-built department for children's health will have two higher dependency beds, an assessment unit and an adolescent area. The unit has predominantly single rooms with space for parents and carers to stay if necessary. It will have safe spaces inside and outside for play and socialising and kitchen facilities for families to use.

There will be a new dedicated 'Gully's Place' suite to provide privacy and dignity for patients and their families when they need it. It is especially for end-of-life care and bereavement support but is also used to help families with the transition to home care after hospital, enabling parents and families to practice often complex care but with the reassurance of staff being nearby.



**WITH EVERY CHANGE WE ARE AIMING TO TRANSFORM CARE TOGETHER ACROSS DORSET.**

## RAISING FUNDS FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

Children and young people facing illness or medical treatments often experience naturally high levels of stress, anxiety and fear. The provision of engaging play resources has proven to have significant therapeutic benefits, contributing to the wellbeing and healing of our paediatric patients.

Together we can create positive healthcare experiences for our young patients by funding recreational resources such as:

**Creative arts supplies:** Art and craft materials to encourage self-expression and creativity

**Interactive electronic games:** Age-appropriate gaming consoles and interactive activities to engage children in a fun and stimulating manner.

**Sensory play equipment:** Therapeutic resources such as tactile wall panels, and sensory toys to support emotional processing.

**Educational toys:** Learning materials and toys that promote cognitive development for the continuity of education during their treatment.

**Child-friendly furnishings:** Comfortable seating arrangements and child-sized furniture to create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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"We invite you to consider our appeal for charity funding, as your support will play a pivotal role in making this project a reality. Together we can create an environment that not only addresses the medical needs of our young patients but also nurtures their emotional and psychological growth during their time in hospital."

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