

## How is the new hospital progressing?

In August 2015, Parry Family Charitable Foundation made a grant of £12000 to fund a personalised bedroom at the new Alder Hey Childrens Hospital Liverpool.

Our guest bloggers Clare White, Chief Executive of Alder Hey Childrens Charity and Jess Carter-Willis, Trusts & Foundations, explain what it means to them and the hospital.

"Grants from charitable trusts and foundations are crucial in helping Alder Hey Children's Charity raise the money needed to equip our new hospital, Alder Hey in the Park, with the latest digital technology, family facilities and life-saving medical equipment, as well as funding ground-breaking research and award-winning participatory arts programmes. In addition, grant funding enables us to plan effectively and confidently as an organisation for the future.



We exist to ensure patient experience at Alder Hey in the Park is the very best it can be, and we welcome the opportunity to develop relationships with grant-makers who share in this vision. Our funding partners, including the Parry Family Charitable Foundation, make a significant impact on the lives of over 270,000 children and families from across the UK who visit Alder Hey each year"



The grant from the Parry Family Charitable Foundation has been used to fund a bedroom on the Long-term Ventilation Ward. After consultation with families and staff on this ward, our Lead Play Specialist has identified the following enhancements that are specific to the needs of these patients, most of whom are predominantly challenged by very limited mobility. These will all be achieved through the digital technology element of the proposed grant:

- Portable fibre-optic projectors, that will allow play specialists to project images, light and movement around the bedrooms to entertain, distract and relax patients
- Eye sensor movement technology, whereby children will be able to control the TV within their bedroom visually through looking at the control button they wish to press (e.g volume up/down, change channel) on a visual control panel on the side of the TV
- Play station enhancements to hand controls, allowing children with limited limb movement to still have access to gaming technology

In addition the grant will meet the costs of a specialised extendable patient bed, soft furnishings and a parent bed which enables mum and dad to stay over in the same room.

We were pleased to feature PFCF in "Alder Hey Life", our quarterly staff newspaper, telling the story of how grants can make a meaningful difference to people's lives."

