

Space for bereaved families refurbished at PRUH

11 June 2019 - The Friends of the PRUH raised £2,000 from local businesses to contribute to the refurbishment



The relatives' waiting area and viewing room in the mortuary at the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH) has been refurbished to make a more tranquil and comfortable environment for families coming to say goodbye to their loved ones.

The Friends of the PRUH, a small charitable organisation that aims to improve the environment and experience of patients, their families and staff, spearheaded the refurbishment. Their fundraising efforts have delivered new floors and furniture, in addition to full redecoration in calming colours.

The total cost of the refurbishment came to £8,200, and a number of local organisations including Valentine and Turner Family Funeral Home; Welham Jones Funerals and Memorials; and W.Uden and Sons Ltd made donations totalling £2,000. The Marina Patterson Memorial Trust provided artwork, with each piece carefully chosen to complement and respect the function of the space.

Pauline Allard, Chair of Friends of PRUH, said, "We have worked closely with a number of individuals and organisations to make this happen, and it is wonderful to have completed another successful project that we can now hand over to the Trust.

"We hope the refurbishment enhances the environment for all those who sadly have to visit, and they find it a comfortable and peaceful place."

Richard Warren, Mortuary Manager at the PRUH, added, "This refurbishment will make a real difference when we are supporting families at a very difficult time. Many thanks to the Friends of the PRUH for their fundraising efforts and all the local businesses that donated money to improve this space for those who use it."