

VISIT TO CHIPPENHAM HOSPITAL

On 19th January 2010 eight members of the Health and Social Care Project Team (H&SC) visited Chippenham Hospital to see the newly refurbished Cedar Ward (previously Cameron Ward). Cedar Ward has 17 beds for general medical patients.

Cedar Ward is now light and airy decorated in cream and pale blue and everywhere is well equipped with hoists, special bath etc etc. Televisions for the patients have been provided by Chippenham Hospital League of Friends.

There are 4 single rooms with en-suite facilities, 2 four bedded bays and 1 five bedded bay, all are spacious with plenty of room for staff to work. A large day room opens on to a conservatory and then to the hospital grounds. Day patients who do not need a bed (eg for a blood transfusion) can now be treated in the Day Room. Excellent staff facilities include a shower room. Cheryl Cordon, the Ward Manager had a great deal of input in to the plans for the new ward and both she and Matron, Liz Jarvis told us how pleased they were with the end result.

Now the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit is being upgraded to the same standard.

Our thanks to Cheryl and Liz and also Maddie from NHS Wilts. We enjoyed our visit and were very impressed with what has been achieved. Group members commented on the pleasant and relaxed atmosphere of Cedar Ward.

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