



Knitted Hearts

Cirencester and Fairford Community Hospitals
Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

SUMMARY:

Pairs of small soft hearts, easy to hold in the hand were shared between patients and families

PURPOSE:

To create a feeling of connection between patients and families

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PATIENT BENEFITS:

A comforting touch to ameliorate the distress of families being separated at a time of crisis

STAFF BENEFITS:

Reduced distress for patients and families

SYSTEM BENEFITS:

Maintaining communication between families and patients which was vital when face to face visits were not possible

KEY MESSAGE:

Families and patients feeling connected was important as was the "comforting touch" of the physical knitted heart