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Press Release

Local Company Refurbishes Children's Assessment Room at RNHRD

Young patients at Bath's Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust, locally known as 'The Min', will benefit from a newly refurbished assessment room thanks to local company Silcox, Son and Wicks.

Children and young people attending the hospital often have complex and long-term conditions, a history of being in and out of hospital and some build up an aversion to traditional 'hospital' environments. The hospital wanted to create a warmer, more homely atmosphere so that a young patient's first experience of an assessment is a positive one. This is especially important if a period of inpatient residential treatment is to follow.

The hospital decided to approach a local furniture company to sponsor the new room. They were delighted when Silcox, Son and Wicks, which has been based in Bath for 110 years, agreed. The company is donating £1500 worth of furniture including lime green and brown spotty tub chairs, dining chairs, an oak table and matching side table and soft furnishings. The company is also providing Banksy canvasses to brighten freshly painted walls. The re-painting has been made possible by a donation of £500 from Colin Clarkson-Short of the Royal Crescent Association.

Kirsty Matthews, Chief Executive of the RNHRD said: "The donations to improve this room have enabled a high quality refurbishment. We are very grateful for the donation which has paid for the re-painting which will set off the new furniture beautifully. Silcox, Son and Wicks have donated some really special furniture and pictures. It has been a pleasure to work with a local company who have been fantastic in helping to plan the room and in making design suggestions. It will transform the environment here for our younger patients."

Charlie Wicks of Silcox, Son and Wicks said: "It's a great hospital. A friend of mine was treated there so I was very eager to do something to help. We get a lot of requests for donations and I felt that this was a really worthwhile cause."

The work on the room will begin in the New Year.

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Notes for Editors:

- The RNHRD NHS FT is a national specialist rehabilitation and rheumatology hospital based in Bath. Offering services to adults, children and young people the Trust has expertise in general and complex:
 - Rheumatological and musculoskeletal conditions
 - Neurological rehabilitation
 - Chronic pain management
 - Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME
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