DESIGN & DIGNITY
Transforming End-of-Life Care in Hospitals
...One Room at a Time

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

The Irish Hospice Foundation
Striving for the best care at end of life for all
Purpose of D&D Grants Scheme

• To transform the way hospital spaces are designed for people at the end of life
• To engage hospital staff in the design process and enable greater ownership of their environment
• To create exemplar end-of-life care facilities in hospitals and set the standard for other hospitals to follow
What do we mean by ‘exemplar’?

Careful use of colour, lighting, artwork, acoustics, fabrics, furnishings and planting.

“Something beautiful” as a focal point to the space, such as a piece of artwork, sculpture or if space permits a small garden.

The rooms should be inspiring, places of beauty.

Other factors include:
• Entrances should be welcoming and inviting
• Good light levels are essential
• Views of nature/trees/sky/grass should be maximised wherever possible
• Access to the outside or ideally a garden wherever possible
• Refreshments should be readily available
To date what have we done?

- **Mercy University Hospital, Cork**
  Mortuary renovation

- **Nenagh Hospital, Tipperary**
  Family Room

- **St Luke’s Hospital, Kilkenny**
  Bereavement room/infant viewing room on maternity ward

- **University Hospital, Limerick**
  Mortuary renovation

- **Sligo General Hospital, Sligo**
  Extension to mortuary

- **Mayo General Hospital, Mayo**
  Family room with kitchette, storage room, ward reception and waiting area

- **Mater Hospital, Dublin**
  Family room on acute medical ward

- **Beaumont Hospital, Dublin**
  Mortuary renovation

- **St James’s Hospital, Dublin**
  Family and viewing suites

- **Connolly Hospital, Dublin**
  Family room & garden in social work department

- **Our Lady’s Hospital, Meath**
  Family room with kitchenette, en suite and garden
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Three projects that have benefited to date from the Design & Dignity grant fund featured on Nationwide on RTÉ One in January 16, at 7pm.

- Mercy University Hospital in Cork
- The Mater in Dublin
- Beaumont Hospital in Dublin

“Losing a loved one is the most traumatic event any of us will experience. Eighty people die in Ireland every day, 43 per cent of them in acute hospitals and to make that end of life transition easier there is a scheme called Design and Dignity. This scheme funds hospitals to transform depressing and dreary morgues and family rooms into brighter spaces. The funding for this has come from the HSE and the Irish Hospice Foundation and 11 projects have been supported across the country to make this time easier for families at this difficult time. Mary Fanning went to see how these projects were helping people.”

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Helpful hints & tips

• Use the stylebook
• Follow the guidelines which have been adapted by the HSE
• Understand the space
• Bring together practical ideas
• Connect with others that have done similar projects
• Enjoy the project!
Good luck to all Transforming End-of-Life Care in Hospitals
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