



Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity

child first, patient second.

ECHC Services

- Introduction to Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
- Overview of ECHC's Arts programme
- Pre-covid services
- Covid response
- Service development



Overview of ECHC

Nothing should get in the way of being a child.

As a result of what we do:

- Children and young people's lives are less interrupted by illness
- Children and young people are less scared of hospital and have a positive experience
- Children and young people's families are better supported and comforted
- Children and young people have an improved experience of healthcare in their community



Pre-Covid Services – Arts Programme

We offer patients the opportunity to engage in fun arts activities as a creative outlet, a healing tool and a welcome distraction from what can be a very challenging environment.



- Clinics
- Core Programme
- Weekend Activities
- Staff Wellbeing
- Short Term
- Community
- Commissions

Covid response

- 3328 food, toiletry and activity packs given to the hospital and to shielding families.
- 100 self-contained art 'studio boxes' given to RHSC and CAMHS packed full of art resources for children and young people to enjoy as playrooms were closed.
- 866 books were delivered to isolating children and families
- Over 100 wellbeing boxes were given to NHS staff supporting children and young people in both the hospital and community.
- ECHC wellbeing lounge with project wingman

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New Hospital



Motivation



[my child] loves to dance but other classes won't take her due to her mobility, haven't been able to find a class that will allow her to join other than Step by Step – Parent

Distraction



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Shared Experiences



Melville Unit - CAMHS



Recovery Through Activity



Control



‘When we’re in here we have no power. I feel so powerless. But when you let us make whatever we like and just let us get on without judging or interfering or asking us why we’re doing this for that hour I feel like I have a bit of control again.’

– Young Person

Achievement



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DISCOVER
ARTS AWARD
logbook

NAME: 



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Not Missing Out



Staff Wellbeing



Staff member (PALS): 'It's like an oasis in here'



Staff member (Surgery): 'I needed that'



Thank You!



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