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Refurbished pub on Ward 21 brings familiar comfort for patients with dementia

Patients and families on Ward 21 at Arrowe Park Hospital have been enjoying a dementia activity afternoon in the ward's newly refurbished pub space, designed to create a familiar and welcoming environment for people living with dementia.

The event saw patients and their loved ones come together to play games and take part in bingo, with plenty of smiles and prizes along the way. Volunteer Charlie Hollywood brought energy and enthusiasm to the afternoon, taking on the role of games master and bingo host.

Spaces like the Pub are designed to recreate familiar social environments that many patients recognise from everyday life. For people living with dementia, hospital settings can sometimes feel confusing or overwhelming.

Providing calm and recognisable spaces can help reduce anxiety, encourage conversation and support meaningful interaction with staff, families and other patients.

Activities such as games and bingo also help stimulate memory, promote social connection and bring moments of enjoyment during a hospital stay.

The refurbished pub on Ward 21 is part of the Trust's ongoing commitment to creating more dementia friendly environments that support dignity, wellbeing and person-centred care.

Events like this demonstrate how small changes in surroundings can make a meaningful difference to patients and their families.

