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Staff take virtual reality tour of recycling facility

It's National Recycling week and yesterday Tony Jones, WUTH Waste and Transport Manager welcomed Paul Newton from Panda Recycling, the Trust's non-clinical waste management company, on an information stand at Arrowe Park Hospital. They shared information with staff about how WUTH's recyclable waste gets a new lease of life.

Staff took the VR experience, with a VR headset tour of the Panda recycling facility in Lincoln where WUTH's dry mixed recyclables (DMRs) are sent for separation and processing ready to be recycled into new items such as plastic garden furniture, milk bottles, and new drinks and food cans.

On the stand Tony chatted with staff to bust the myth at WUTH that our recycling does not get recycled but ends up in general waste. He explained that the Trust has a legal obligation to recycle its waste and as long as DMR material is placed in a clear bag, then it will be processed separately from general waste once it reaches the Panda Widnes plant. From there it is sent on to a state-of-the-art recycling facility where it is repurposed into reusable raw materials.

We can all do our bit for the environment by placing clean, recyclable materials into clear plastic bags. If there isn't one in your area, ask your manager.



Some of the staff taking the virtual tour of Panda's state-of-the-art recycling facility in Lincoln

