



Press Release

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Cygnet Hospital Bury holds prom night for CAMHS patients

A mental health hospital for children in Bury held an end of year prom to celebrate all of the hard work that students have put into their academic endeavours over the past school year.

Cygnet Hospital Bury, on Buller Street, offers a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provision for adolescents as well as a wide range of inpatient mental health services for men and women including specialist deaf services. The hospital, run by Cygnet Health Care, offers its CAMHS across four wards including acute, PICU and low secure support. It held a special prom night for those young persons who have finished the school year.

Suki Tshuma, hospital manager for Cygnet Health Care, said: *“Admittance to hospital, particularly in the long-term, means that our young people miss milestones that are often taken for granted by their peers and counterparts in the community.*

“Living day-to-day on an inpatient ward, surrounded by others who are also suffering from mental health difficulties, can paint a dark and gloomy picture of the world outside of hospital and make our young people forget that there is still joy and light and celebration to look forward to.

“Prom is a rite of passage for the current generation of adolescents, and we believe that the struggles that our young people deal with every single day should not exclude them from this experience.”

The young people at Cygnet Hospital Bury have worked hard to keep up with their academic commitments and many of them have achieved qualifications, despite their own difficulties.

For the prom, the communal area was transformed into a beautiful party space with a flower hoop and flower wall made by the young people with lots of balloons, lights and backdrops. There was a red carpet to make the evening as memorable as possible and staff also created a mocktail menu and helped with the young people with hair and make-up.

There was also a professional DJ, a fancy dress photo booth, a donut wall, Domino’s pizza and a wonderful buffet spread from the catering team.

The staff team rallied around local businesses and service providers to seek out the very best for the event. Dresses were donated from people in the community, including a very generous donation of brand new dresses from The White Gallery in Ramsbottom.

Some of the young people’s families came by to have photographs taken with their relative which provided some long-lasting memories.

Suki added: *“The evening was a great way to show how our young people how much we care about them and how much we want them to experience normality and good times. The night truly could not have been more successful, everyone in attendance had a great time and the hospital has been abuzz with talk about the prom ever since.”*

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Notes to Editors

For interviews, please contact Gemma Attew, External Communications Manager, at gemmaattew@cygnethealth.co.uk

Further information on Cygnet Hospital Bury can be found here:

<https://www.cygnethealth.co.uk/locations/cygnet-hospital-bury/>

About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnet Health Care’s pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

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