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Staffordshire Mental Health Patients Host Beats and Bakes Fundraiser

A mental health service in Stoke-on-Trent raised vital funds for a cancer charity with a day of sweetness and sound.

Cygnet St Augustine's, on Cobridge Road, is a 32-bed high support inpatient rehabilitation (level 2) service for men.

The Cygnet Health Care service hosted a charity fundraiser with a modern twist – a bake sale featuring a live DJ. With tunes blaring, the fundraiser hit all the right notes, raising £117 for Macmillan.

The charity provides emotional, financial, practical and physical support to people living with cancer. Macmillan also offers vital cancer services as well as researches and campaigns to achieve better cancer care.

Chelsee Laidler, Activity Coordinator at Cygnet St Augustine's, said: "Our fundraiser was a great success, especially with our DJ, and it was for such a worthy cause. Everyone at Macmillan does such a great job. The charity has touched so many lives and helped out numerous people's families and friends.

"Our team has fundraised for Macmillan in the past and our service users have always been really interested and involved in these events. We decided to add a musical twist to this year's fundraiser by introducing our DJ, who visits us every two weeks."

Individuals supported at the Cygnet Health Care service worked closely with staff to make cakes and various sweet treats to sell to attendees.

Chelsee said: "The interactive coffee morning was a big hit with our service users. It helps bring people together and offers the individuals we support a different perspective on life.

"Here at Cygnet St Augustine's, we hope to show that life is a gift that we should all cherish and that we can all work together to give back to those that need it most."

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