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PRESS RELEASE

Forget-me-not Garden

A new courtyard garden has been created at Russells Hall Hospital to provide patients with a quiet space for relaxation and contemplation during their care and treatment.

Funded by The Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund, the Forget-me-not Garden will be officially opened by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor David Stanley, on Monday 18th November 2019.

Sharing the honours at a ribbon cutting ceremony will be the trust's chairperson Dame Yve Buckland and chief nurse Mary Sexton.

Special guests at the unveiling will be local metal sculptor and furniture maker Lee Woodall from Hausform who has made and donated an outdoor sculpture as a thank you for the care his partner received on the Georgina Unit.

"My partner Richie spent almost four months on the Georgina Unit last summer, and was not expected to come out," said Lee.

"However, he did, and has now made a full recovery thanks to his limitless positivity and the amazing care of all staff on the Georgina Unit. This sculpture is my way of showing my gratitude and thanks."

Other guests include representatives from the Leukaemia Appeal Fund, Pro Seal Property Management for constructing the garden and Summit Healthcare for providing ongoing maintenance and extra planting.

Theatres team leader Abbie Sullivan, who came up with the name for the garden in a competition for staff, will also be present.

The unveiling of a plaque will take place on Monday, 18 November 2019 at 2.30pm.

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