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Supporting people with learning disabilities



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Dear Mr Lewis

## **End of Project Report – Refurbishment of our Didcot Day Hub**

Please find enclosed an end of project report on the refurbishment of our Didcot Day Hub which is affectionately known as T2.

Should you wish to visit our hub at any time, please let me know and I shall be delighted to organise it.

Thank you once again for your generous donation to this project.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Massey  
Trust Fundraiser



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## End of Project Report - Refurbishment of our Didcot Day Hub (affectionately known as T2)

Providing day opportunities for adults with mild and moderate learning disabilities and autism

We are delighted to report that our Didcot day hub relocated to a new building in February 2018. An extensive refurbishment has taken place and the service is now operating from a unit located on the Trident Business Park in Didcot. Our new and improved building means that we can continue to deliver vital services to adults with learning disabilities and autism. We can also realise some plans to develop a new catering social enterprise.

T2 provides the people we support with access to flexible, affordable support ranging from drop in facilities to 1:1 support. The hub continues to offer a wide range of social educational and work opportunities. Regular activities include cooking, art, bowling, swimming, karate, golf, walking, computers, street dance, karaoke, woodwork, pottery and music, as well as social outings to the pub, nightclubs and an evening group meeting. People can also drop in to simply use the computers and socialise at T2. Our day hub is hugely important to the 63 people who currently attend regularly.



A feedback survey in Autumn 2017 found that:

- 96% of those who responded were happy with the support they receive from staff at T2
- 85% feel able to ask us for help if they have a problem, 12% felt able to ask us sometimes
- 92% said coming to T2 helped make them feel more confident
- 81% said coming to T2 helped them feel more independent
- 92% said coming to T2 made them feel happier
- 88% had made more friends at T2

Our new building includes a training kitchen from which we are planning to launch a new catering social enterprise. It is anticipated that the kitchen will provide work opportunities for the people we support to get involved in planning for the business, food preparation, marketing, administration and food delivery.





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The reception desk at the new building is staffed by people we support, providing a regular work opportunity. The new building is also home to a training room for our support workers to receive the training they need to support people. Our two part time speech and language therapists and our Work Programme team have also moved to offices in the new building as many of the people they support are frequent users of T2. There is also a craft room, quiet room, music room and a communal area with computers.



We are delighted to have moved into a larger refurbished building that is really fit for purpose and will enable us to continue to provide high quality person centred support. We are extremely grateful to all of the Trusts, Companies and individuals that have enabled us to provide this first rate facility for the people we support. Our Day Opportunities Director Rob Edmonds-Seal says:

"The new T2 is going to revolutionise our service in Didcot. We are of course overjoyed to have nice new facilities and the people we support have really embraced the new building and the opportunities it offers. 10 of our service users have started working at reception where they are learning how to answer phones in a professional manner, greet people using the building, set up the training room and transfer people. This is giving people valuable work experience in a safe environment, which will hopefully lead on to other opportunities for some.

The purpose built kitchen enables us to run catering courses, where in partnership with our tearoom we can teach people how to cook and provide a quality service in catering. We've already started working with a neighbouring charity, SOFEA, to explore possible social enterprises we can run together".

The people we support are very positive about the new building, Mikey says "I love the kitchen, it is open, bigger and better" and when asked what was her favourite space, Rachel said "Everything. I like to be able to go in and out of the different spaces. There is more room to talk to other people than in the old building!"

**Thank you for supporting this project - T2 makes a difference every day to the lives of adults with learning disabilities and autism**