

Rainbow Rooms - West Berkshire Community Hospital

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When one is admitted into one of the rainbow
rooms here sometimes it is for to control,

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sometimes it is for end of life care and
whatever it is for we want the rainbow

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room to be a home away from home for you.
So what we have in them we have the cuddle

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beds so you can be in the bed and
one of your loved ones can lie in

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the bed alongside you and give you a cuddle.
We also have nice recliner seats in the room

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as well and next door to the actual bedroom is
a living room where we have a microwave and a

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fridge and a kettle and you can have your meals
together as a family or your family can bring in



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your favorite food whatever you are feeling like
at the time. We encourage you to bring in pictures

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and your own blankets and cushions or whatever
it is that would make that space your home.

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Our number one priority when you come in
is that you are comfortable when you are

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here and that whatever symptom that it may
be pain sickness you know or spiritual pain

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that you tell us about it and you talk to
us about it and we can help you with that.

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Your time here could be a number
of days it could be a number of

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weeks whatever it is we want you and
your family to be comfortable here

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When David was diagnosed with a brain tumour in
2015 and it was a terminal diagnosis you never

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really think about what the end is going to be



like and then when things got quite tough in 2019

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David was admitted to the Rainbow Rooms in West
Berkshire Hospital and unfortunately six weeks

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later he died but for us it was the kindest,
nicest place that we could have experienced

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at such an awful time in our lives. It enabled
me to stay overnight with David to be with him

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and the responsibility of caring for him was
in the lovely nurse's hands so I didn't have

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to worry about that medication I could just be
with him in his last days and the family could

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come and his parents could come and my sons
could come and spend as long as we wanted to.

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There was a little kitchen area so we made
ourselves at home we made drinks when we wanted

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to friends could come and check on me it was just
the perfect environment to such a terrible time,



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and the night before David died they very
kindly pushed two beds together - I didn't

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know it was his last night - but
they pushed two beds together and

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I just held his hand the entire night and I was
I feel so blessed to have had that privilege now.

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So it's been a huge blessing and
I'm so grateful to have had that

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experience in the rainbow room
but such a terrible time it was

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made as nice as possible for us and
I thank everybody involved in that.

