

Trawsnewid gofal cancer gyda chreadigrwydd: Uned Cancer Leri



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Transforming cancer care through creativity: the Leri Cancer Unit



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OVERVIEW OF THE LERI CANCER UNIT PROJECT





Trawsnewid gofal cancer gyda chreadigrwydd:

“Da iawn i bawb oedd yn rhan o’r prosiect, mae’r canlyniad yn wych. Cyfleuster modern a hardd i gleifion, eu teuluoedd a staff.” Aelod o’r gymuned

Integreiddio Celf mewn Gofal Iechyd

Mae Uned Cancer Leri, uned gwerth £3 miliwn, a ariennir yn bennaf gan incwm elusennol, a agorwyd ym mis Mai 2025 yn darparu triniaeth a gofal i bobl â chanser o Geredigion, Gogledd Powys a De Gwynedd.

Yn annatod i olwg a theimlad yr uned newydd mae'r gwaith celf a'r farddoniaeth sydd wedi'u cyd-greu i gyflawni ein gweledigaeth artistig a rennir i:

'tynnu ar ein hamgylchedd hardd i'n helpu i feithrin ein cleifion trwy ddewis lliwiau, siapiau a delweddaeth sy'n adlewyrchu llonyddwch a dibynadwyedd natur'

Cymuned a Chyd-gynhyrchu

Mae cleifion, staff gofal iechyd, artistiaid o Gymru, bardd a'r gymuned leol i gyd wedi cydweithio i wireddu gweledigaeth nid yn unig ar gyfer gofod clinigol sy'n addas at y diben ar gyfer triniaeth cancer, ond hefyd un sy'n teimlo fel amgylchedd gofal iechyd diogel a charedig.

Diwylliant ac Amgylchedd Lleol

Mae gweithiau celf yn adlewyrchu diwylliant a thirweddau Cymru, gan greu amgylchedd iacháu dwyieithog a phwrpasol sy'n darparu cefnogaeth emosiynol yn ogystal â chefnogaeth glinigol i'r cymunedau y mae'n eu gwasanaethu.

Arloesedd mewn Gofal Iechyd Gwledig

Mae'r uned yn gosod model ar gyfer rhagoriaeth mewn gofal iechyd gwledia trwy avfuno



TRANSFORMING CANCER CARE THROUGH CREATIVITY

“Well done to everyone involved, the result is fantastic. A modern and beautiful facility for patients, families and staff.” Member of the Community

Art Integration in Healthcare

The Leri Cancer Unit, a £3million unit, funded primarily by charitable income opened in May 2025 provides treatment and care for people with cancer from Ceredigion, North Powys and South Gwynedd.

Integral to the look and feel of the new unit is the artwork and poetry which has been co-created to deliver on our shared artistic vision to:

**‘draw on our beautiful environment to help us to nurture our patients
by choosing colours, shapes and imagery
that reflect the tranquillity and dependability of nature’**

Community and Co-production

Patients, healthcare staff, Welsh artists, a poet and the local community have all worked together to realise a vision not just for a fit for purpose clinical space for cancer treatment but also one that feels like a safe and kind healthcare environment.

Local Culture and Environment

Artworks reflect Welsh culture and landscapes, creating a bilingual and bespoke healing environment that provides emotional as well as clinical support to the communities it serves.

Innovation in Rural Healthcare

The unit sets a model for excellence in rural healthcare by blending creativity with medical care.



- Mae Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda yn gyfrifol am ddarparu gwasanaethau gofal iechyd i oddeutu 385,615 o bobl ar draws siroedd gwledig Sir Gaerfyrddin, Ceredigion a Sir Benfro yng Ngorllewin Cymru.
- Mae'r Bwrdd Iechyd yn gweithredu pedwar ysbyty aciwt, gan gynnwys **Ysbyty Bronglais yn Aberystwyth**—yr ysbyty cyffredinol lleiaf yn y DU a lleoliad **Uned Canser Leri**.
- Mae Bronglais hefyd yn darparu gwasanaethau canser hanfodol i gleifion o Geredigion, de Gwynedd, a gogledd Powys.
- Am flynyddoedd lawer, darparodd Uned Cemotherapi Bronglais ofal o ansawdd uchel mewn amgylchedd nad oedd bellach yn addas at y diben.

Y DECHRAU: ANGEN

“Rwyf mor falch o’r hyn rydym wedi’i gyflawni. Mae’r adborth gan gleifion wedi bod yn hynod gadarnhaol” Aelod o Staff “

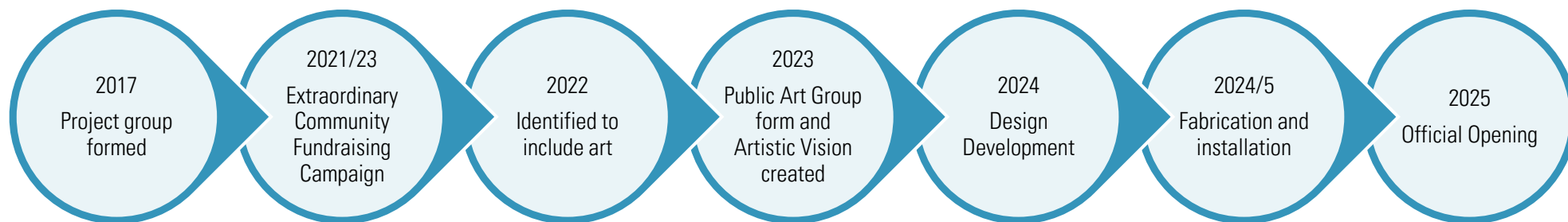




- Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB) is responsible for delivering healthcare services to approximately 385,615 people across the rural counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, and Pembrokeshire in West Wales.
- The Health Board operates four acute hospitals, including **Bronglais General Hospital in Aberystwyth**—the smallest general hospital in the UK and the location of the **Leri Cancer Unit**.
- Bronglais General Hospital provides vital cancer services to patients from Ceredigion, south Gwynedd, and north Powys.
- For many years, the Bronglais Chemotherapy Unit delivered high-quality care in an environment that was no longer fit for purpose.

THE BEGINNING

“I’m so proud of what we have achieved. The feedback from patients has been overwhelmingly positive” Staff



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**INCREDIBLE
COLLECTIVE
EFFORT**



CODI ARIAN CYMUNEDOL ANHYGOEL

- Bydd yr uned gwerth £3 miliwn, a ariennir yn bennaf gan incwm elusennol, yn darparu triniaeth a gofal i bobl â chanser o Geredigion, Gogledd Powys a De Gwynedd.
- Gwnaeth cleifion a'u teuluoedd, codwyr arian a rhoddwyr, staff yr ysbyty ac aelodau'r gymuned leol wireddu'r uned.

“Mae'n dyst i'r hyn y gellir ei gyflawni pan fydd cymuned yn darganfod yr hyn sy'n bwysig iddi. Dim ond diolch i gefnogaeth elusennol hael o bob cwr o'r rhanbarth y mae Ysbyty Bronglais yn ei wasanaethu y mae wedi bod yn bosibl.” Dr Neil Wooding, Cadeirydd Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Hywel Dda

“Roedd yr awydd am yr uned hon yn amlwg pan ymunais â Thîm Oncoleg Bronglais yn 2004. Diolch byth, mae haelioni enfawr y cymunedau yng Ngheredigion, Powys a Gwynedd sydd wedi rhoi arian er cof am anwyliaid, trwy weithredoedd elusennol, a digwyddiadau dros y 25 mlynedd diwethaf, wedi gwneud hyn yn bosibl.”

Dr Elin Jones



ASTONISHING COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

“The desire for this unit was obvious when I joined the Bronglais Oncology Team in 2004. Thankfully, the enormous generosity of the communities within Ceredigion, Powys and Gwynedd who have donated money in memory of loved ones, by charitable deeds, and events over the last 25 years, have made this possible.” Dr Elin Jones

The £3million unit, funded primarily by charitable income, will provide treatment and care for people with cancer from Ceredigion, North Powys and South Gwynedd.

Patients and their families, fundraisers and donors, hospital staff and members of the local community made the realisation of the unit possible.

“It is a testament to what can be achieved when a community discovers what it cares about. It has only been possible thanks to generous charitable support from across the region that Bronglais Hospital serves.” Dr Neil Wooding, Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board



CYD-GYNHYRCHU, LLAIS Y CLAF A STAFF A CHYNLLUNIO CYDWEITHREDOL

“gwrando ar adborth a sylwadau cleifion a sut mae'r agwedd celfyddydau ac iechyd yn cyfoethogi'r ardal ac yn eu helpu i deimlo'n ddiogel. Bydd cleifion yn hapusach. Pan fydd cleifion yn hapusach, mae canlyniadau cleifion yn well.” Oncolegydd Arweiniol

Cydweithio Amlddisgyblaethol

Cyfarfu Grŵp Celf Gyhoeddus yn cynnwys staff, cleifion, artistiaid a chydlynwyr yn fisol i greu a chyflwyno gweledigaeth artistig a rennir.

Llais y Claf a'r Staff

Dewis artistiaid a dewisiadau dylunio fel cynlluniau lliw a deunyddiau oedd dan arweiniad cleifion a staff.

Gweithdai Mapio Emosiynol a Gwneud Printiau

Nododd gweithdai brofiadau emosiynol i arwain sut y dylai gwahanol ardaloedd uned deimlo a gwahoddwyd pobl â chysylltiad â'r uned i gymryd rhan mewn gweithdai gwneud printiau i'w harddangos yn yr uned.

“...mae wedi bod yn brofiad emosiynol ac ysbrydoledig iawn ac rwyf wrth fy modd yn gwybod y bydd y prosiect yn helpu i greu amgylchedd mwy heddychlon a chyfforddus i gleifion sy'n gorfod ymweld â'r uned.” Claf



CO-PRODUCTION, PATIENT AND STAFF VOICE AND COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

Multidisciplinary Collaboration

A Public Art Group including staff, patients, artists, and coordinators met monthly to create and deliver a shared artistic vision.

Patient and Staff Involvement

Patients and staff led artist selection and design choices like colour schemes and materials.

Emotional Mapping and Printmaking Workshops

Workshops identified emotional experiences to guide how different unit areas should feel and people with a connection to the unit were invited to take part in printmaking workshops for display in the unit.

“...it has been a very emotional, inspiring experience and I am thrilled to know that the project will help create a more peaceful and comfortable environment for patients having to visit the unit. As a previous patient I know that you experience so many emotional and physical hurdles when facing cancer, having anything that can make that journey a bit easier and that bit more comfortable then it really is worth all the effort.”

Patient

“By listening to feedback and comments of patients and how the arts and health aspect enriches the area and helps them to feel safe. Patients will be happier. When patients are happier, patient outcomes are better..” Lead Oncologist

**GWELEDIGAETH
ARTISTIG**

"I enjoyed seeing the project develop and as a previous patient, give my views from a different perspective." Patient

ARTISTIC VISION



CYD-GYNHYRCHU, LLAIS Y CLAF A STAFF A CHYNLLUNIO CYDWEITHREDOL



Gartref gyda Natur – O'r Mynydd i'r Tir a'r Môr

Gan dynnu ar rinweddau therapiwtig ein hamgylchedd hardd, crëwyd gweithiau celf sy'n adlewyrchu tawelwch a dibynadwyedd natur. Mae'r artistiaid wedi cymryd ysbrydoliaeth o dirwedd Ceredigion a llwybr ac amgylchoedd Afon Leri.

Mae'r gwydr wrth y fynedfa a'r murluniau graddfa fawr gan **Catrin Jones** o dirweddau dychmygol ar hyd llwybr Afon Leri yn rhoi'r argraff o bellter a llonyddwch.

Canolbwyntiodd yr argraffydd **Molly Brown** ar olygfeydd domestig o arddio, natur a thyfu mewn cyfres o brintiau sy'n anrhydeddu'r dreftadaeth wledig ac amaethyddol.

Gweithiodd yr argraffydd **Marian Haf** gyda chleifion, staff a'r cyhoedd i greu Cyanoteipiau a wnaed gan ddefnyddio deunyddiau naturiol o'r ardal.

Mae barddoniaeth **Eurig Salisbury** wedi'i chreffftio i ychwanegu'n gynnil at y gofal a ddarperir gan dîm Uned Canser Leri.

Mae paentiadau dyfrlliw yr artist **Catrin Webster** yn dal hanfod y dirwedd ger lle mae Afon Leri yn cwrdd ag Afon Dyfi.

Catrin Jones - Eurig Salisbury - Catrin Webster - Marian Haf - Molly Brown



WELSH ARTISTS AND A WELSH POET



At Home with Nature - From Mountain to Land and Sea



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Drawing on the therapeutic qualities of our beautiful environment, artworks have been created that reflect the tranquillity and dependability of nature. Welsh Artists, selected by healthcare staff and patient representatives, have taken inspiration from the landscape of Ceredigion and the route and environs of the River Leri.

Catrin Jones' entrance glass and large scale murals of imagined landscapes along the route of the Leri give the impression of distance and serenity.

Printmaker **Molly Brown** focused on domestic scenes of gardening, nature and growing in a series of prints that honour the rural and agricultural heritage and communities of the area.

Printmaker **Marian Haf** worked with patients, staff and public to create Cyanotypes with natural materials from the surrounding area.

Eurig Salisbury's poetry has been crafted to subtly augment the care provided by the Leri Cancer Unit team.

Artist **Catrin Webster** watercolour paintings capture the essence of the landscape near to where the River Leri meets the River Dyfi.

Catrin Jones - Eurig Salisbury - Catrin Webster - Marian Haf - Molly Brown

Ystafell
Driniaeth

Treatment
Room

“Mae ymgorffori celf yn y cynllun hwn wedi rhoi'r cyfle i ystyried y byd naturiol a sut mae'n effeithio ar ein llesiant - roedd yr ymdeimlad o lawenydd a ddaeth yn sgil y rhan hon o'r cynllun yn amlwg i bawb”

Nyrs Canser Arweiniol

PENSAERNÏAETH A DYLUNIO SY'N CANOLBWYNTIO AR Y CLAF

Cwmpas Pensaernïol: Bron â dyblu'r arwynebedd llawr i 600 metr sgwâr ac ailfodelu i fodloni safonau gofal iechyd modern.

Arbenigedd Mewnol: Darparodd y Tîm Dylunio Cyfalaf Dewisol mewnol wasanaethau pensaernïol a chyfalaf wedi'u teilwra, gan sicrhau canlyniadau cost-effeithiol ac o ansawdd uchel gan ddefnyddio goleuadau a deunyddiau naturiol.

Cydweithio â Rhanddeiliaid: Gyda'r contractwr adeiladu a rhanddeiliaid i oresgyn pwysau cyllidebol oherwydd costau cynyddol deunyddiau, gan arddangos gwydnwch y prosiect.

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“incorporating art into this scheme has given the opportunity to consider the natural world and how it impacts our well being - the sense of joy this part of the scheme brought was evident to all”

Lead Cancer Nurse



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ARCHITECTURE AND PATIENT CENTRED DESIGN

Patient Centred Design: Natural lighting and materials, private treatment bays and dedicated canopy entrance .

Architectural Scope: Near-doubling of floor space to 600 square metres and remodelling to meet modern healthcare standards.

In-House Expertise: In-house Discretionary Capital Design Team delivered tailored architectural and capital services, ensuring cost-effective and high-quality outcomes.

Stakeholder Collaboration: With the building contractor and stakeholders to overcome budget pressures due to rising material costs, showcasing project resilience.

**EFFAITH A
CHYNALIADWYEDD**

IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY



MESUR EFFAITH A CHANLYNIADAU

Dulliau Gwerthuso

Defnyddiodd gwerthusiad dulliau cymysg fel arolygon, cyfweliadau ac adborth i asesu'r effaith ar gleifion a staff.

Gwelliannau Llesiant Cleifion

Arweiniodd integreiddio celf at well boddhad i gleifion a mwy o gysur emosiynol yn yr uned.

“Mae'n creu amgylchedd o iacháu a gellir mwynhau'r gwaith celf mewn cyfnod anodd iawn i nifer.” Aelod o'r cyhoedd

Hwb i Forâl Staff

Adroddodd staff am fwy o falchder a chymhelliant, gan deimlo eu bod wedi'u hysbrydoli gan yr amgylchedd sy'n codi calon.

“Mae morâl staff wedi cynyddu'n sylweddol” “Mae'n gwneud i mi deimlo'n well” “Mae'n helpu i ysbrydoli gofal gwell”

Manteision Dylunio Holistig

Ychwanegodd celf werth y tu hwnt i bensaernïaeth, gan bwysleisio pwysigrwydd mannau creadigol sy'n canolbwyntio ar y claf.

“Mae'r lliwiau'n brydferth gan greu amgylchedd o lonyddwch.” Claf
“Roedd y cynllun celfyddydau ac iechyd yn well na'n disgwyliadau” Oncolegydd Arweiniol



MEASURING IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

Evaluation Methods

Mixed-methods evaluation used surveys, interviews, and feedback to assess impact on patients and staff.

Patient Wellbeing Improvements

Art integration led to improved patient satisfaction and enhanced emotional comfort in the unit.

“It creates a healing environment and the artwork to enjoy in what will be for many a difficult circumstance in life.” Public

Staff Morale Boost

Staff reported increased pride and motivation, feeling inspired by the uplifting environment. *“staff morale is significantly increased” “It makes me feel better” “helps inspire better care”*

Holistic Design Benefits

Art added value beyond architecture, emphasizing the importance of patient-centred, creative spaces.

“The colour scheme is beautiful creating a peaceful and soothing environment.” Patient

“The arts and health scheme surpassed our expectations” Lead Oncologist



SICRHAU LLWYDDIANT A CHYNALIADWYEDD YN Y DYFODOL

*“Y Cynllun Celfyddydau wnaeth goroni’r prosiect cyfan ac fe gododd yr amgylchedd terfynol i lefel uwch”
Nyrs Canser Arweiniol yn Hywel Dda*

Prosiect Blaenllaw

Y prosiect hwn oedd y cyntaf o’i fath i Hywel Dda ac mae'n cynnig ysbrydoliaeth ac arddangosiad o'r hyn sy'n bosibl wrth gynnwys celf mewn dylunio gofal iechyd.

Canllawiau a Phecynnau Cymorth

Datblygodd y prosiect ganllawiau a phecynnau cymorth cynhwysfawr i gefnogi atgynhyrchu a grymuso staff ar draws y sefydliad gan gynnwys datblygu Fframwaith Celf Gyhoeddus.

Etifeddiaeth ac Arloesedd

Ymgorffori celfyddydau mewn prosiectau cyfalaf i ysbrydoli arloesedd, cynhwysiant a rhagoriaeth.

Ymrwymiad i Lesiant

Mae'r prosiect yn dangos manteision dull ar y cyd sy'n canolbwyntio ar y claf ac yn gynhwysol.



ENSURING FUTURE SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY

“The Arts scheme was the icing on the cake of the project and took the final environment to a higher level”
Lead Cancer Nurse for Hywel Dda

Flagship Project

The project was a first for Hywel Dda and offers inspiration and a demonstration for what is possible with the inclusion of art in healthcare design.

Guidelines and Toolkits

Developing comprehensive guidelines and toolkits to support replication and empower staff across the organisation including the development of a Public Art Framework.

Legacy and Innovation

Embedding arts into capital projects to inspire innovation, inclusion, and excellence in patient experiences.

Commitment to Wellbeing

The project demonstrates the benefits of a patient centred, inclusive and collective approach.



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- *“Rwyf mor falch o’r hyn rydym wedi’i gyflawni. Mae’r adborth gan gleifion wedi bod yn hynod gadarnhaol” Aelod o staff*
- *“Rhagorodd y cynllun celfyddydau ac iechyd ar ein disgwyliadau. Roeddem yn teimlo oni bai bod ein cleifion yn teimlo’n ddiogel, ein bod wedi gwastraffu’r cyfle.” Oncolegydd Arweiniol*
- *“Braf yw gweithio mewn amgylchedd dymunol, sy’n codi hwyliau staff ac felly’n helpu i ysbrydoli gofal gwell” Aelod o Staff*
- *“Y Cynllun Celfyddydau wnaeth goroni’r prosiect cyfan ac fe gododd yr amgylchedd terfynol i lefel uwch” Nyrs Canser Arweiniol Hywel Dda*
- *“Roeddwn i’n teimlo mor ffodus fy mod i wedi gallu cymryd rhan. Rwy’n caru fy ngwaith ac wedi bod yn gweithio mewn gwasanaethau canser ers 1991, mae’n braf iawn bod yn rhan o ddatblygiad uned newydd a phwrpasol yn y gymuned.” Aelod o Staff*
- *“Roeddwn i’n falch iawn o fod yn rhan o brosiect lle’r oedd ystyr y geiriau’n bwysig.” Bardd*
- *“Roedd gweithio gyda’r grŵp yn 100% wych. Ymroddiad ac angerdd anhygoel y staff a phawb a oedd yn rhan o’r prosiect. Rwy’n credu mai dyma’r prosiect mwyaf cadarnhaol i mi erioed weithio arno. Roedd yr ymdeimlad gwirioneddol o gydweithio yn wych.” Artist*



FEEDBACK

- *“I’m so proud of what we have achieved. The feedback from patients has been overwhelmingly positive” Staff*
- *“The arts and health scheme surpassed our expectations. We felt that unless our patients feel safe we had wasted the opportunity.” Lead Oncologist*
- *“Nice to work in a pleasant environment, lifts staff mood and so helps inspire better care” Staff member*
- *“The Arts scheme was the icing on the cake of the project and took the final environment to a higher level” Lead Cancer Nurse for Hywel Dda*
- *“I felt so lucky to have been able to take part. I love my work and have been working in cancer services since 1991, really nice to be part of the development of a new purpose built unit in the community. Great location for the workshop.” Staff Member*
- *“I was very proud to be part of a project where the meaning of the words was important.” Poet*
- *“I think working with the group, 100%, absolutely brilliant. The amazing dedication and passion of the staff and everybody involved. I think it's the most positive project I've ever worked on. The real sense of collaboration was brilliant.” Artist*

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**AWARENESS,
RELEVANCE, AND
KEY LEARNINGS**



BETH SY'N GWNEUD Y FENTER YN ARBENNIG A'R DYSGU ALLWEDDOL

Cydweithio Cymunedol

Unodd y prosiect gleifion, gweithwyr gofal iechyd, artistiaid ac aelodau'r gymuned i gyd-gynhyrchu dyluniad yr uned canser.

Integreiddio Creadigol

Cafodd celf ei hintegreiddio i'r amgylchedd clinigol, gan greu gofod sy'n ymarferol ac yn ystyrlon ar lefel emosiynol.

Dysgu Allweddol

Mae ymgysylltu cynnar, cydweithio parhaus ac arweinyddiaeth gynhwysol yn hanfodol ar gyfer prosiectau llwyddiannus o ran celfyddydau mewn iechyd.

Effaith a Model

Mae buddsoddiad yn y celfyddydau yn darparu manteision emosiynol a chlinigol, gan ddarparu model y gellir ei atgynhyrchu ar gyfer gwella amgylcheddau gofal iechyd.

“Roedd yn ffraind i mi fod yn rhan o'r prosiect. Roedd yn golygu cymaint ar ôl derbyn triniaeth fy hun a gweld sut y byddai o fudd i bob claf yn y dyfodol ac yn gwneud eu triniaeth mor gyfforddus â phosibl“ Cyn glaf



WHAT MAKES THE INITIATIVE SPECIAL AND KEY LEARNINGS

Community Collaboration

The project united patients, healthcare workers, artists, and community members in co-producing the cancer unit design.

Creative Integration

Art was integrated into the clinical environment, creating a space that is both functional and emotionally meaningful.

Key Learnings

Early engagement, continuous collaboration, and inclusive leadership are vital for successful arts in health projects.

Impact and Model

Arts investment delivers emotional and clinical benefits, providing a replicable model for enhancing healthcare environments.

“I was honoured to be a part of the project. It meant so much after receiving treatment myself and seeing how it would benefit all future patients and make their treatment as comfortable as possible” Past patient

DIOLCH