

PACT - Annual General Meeting 2016

House Report

As PACT House is a real flagship for the support that PACT offers, we thought it would be a good idea to report on how it is used. There are five en-suite bedrooms, two of which are single rooms and the others sleep between 2 and 4 people. The single rooms are used by families where the children are having transplants or inpatient treatment and they live long distances from the hospital. This allows both parents to be around during treatment.

The other rooms are available for families where the children are undergoing radiotherapy and again live a long distance from the hospital. They stay at the house during the week as the radiotherapy often makes them too ill to travel each day. There is a nominal charge of £10 per week (or part of week) for staying at the house. As well as families staying at the house, we also provide keys so that families can use the house to cook food for their children staying on the ward. So, there can be up to 8 different families using the house at the same time.

Every month the house also hosts the bereavement coffee morning, which is almost too successful, and there are regularly over 15 people attending and getting much needed friendship and support from each other. As you can see the house is quite busy, especially if you add visits from supporters/fundraisers into the mix.

We are therefore very grateful that we have such a fantastic Housekeeper to keep everything running smoothly at the house. Julie puts in a lot of hard work to ensure the rooms are clean and ready for families, sometimes turning round bedrooms in a few hours if required. She also helps wrap raffle prizes, sorts out donations of goods and helps with the Christmas cards/goods each year; she doesn't like to have nothing to do!

The house is without doubt a real asset to PACT and the support it offers to families is often reciprocated by donations towards the upkeep of the house, for which we are extremely grateful.