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## PAINTINGS IN HOSPITALS LAUNCHES FREE 'CREATIVE CARE HOMES' ACTIVITY GUIDE



National charity Paintings in Hospitals presents '[Creative Care Homes](#)', a practical and helpful guide to enable everyone to deliver fun and inclusive art sessions within a care home environment.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many older people in care have endured long periods of loneliness, stress and anxiety. Creative Care Homes is a free A-Z of art activities designed to help carers easily develop their current events for care home residents, encouraging engagement, expression, and safe social interaction.

The guide features activity plans, inspiration sources, materials lists, helpful contacts, and more. It is available for free online, as a [digital download](#), and as a printed booklet.

Sandra Bruce-Gordon, Director, Paintings in Hospitals, said: "We hope the Creative Care Homes guide inspires carers to expand on their core activities by taking them through an A-Z of creative ideas step by step. This practical guide, introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic, supports artistic activity which is now more important than ever. I hope it will be carers' go-to tool to deliver excellence in care through art."

The Creative Care Homes guide is kindly supported by the Baring Foundation.

View or download Creative Care Homes online at [paintingsinhospitals.org.uk/creative-care-homes](https://paintingsinhospitals.org.uk/creative-care-homes)

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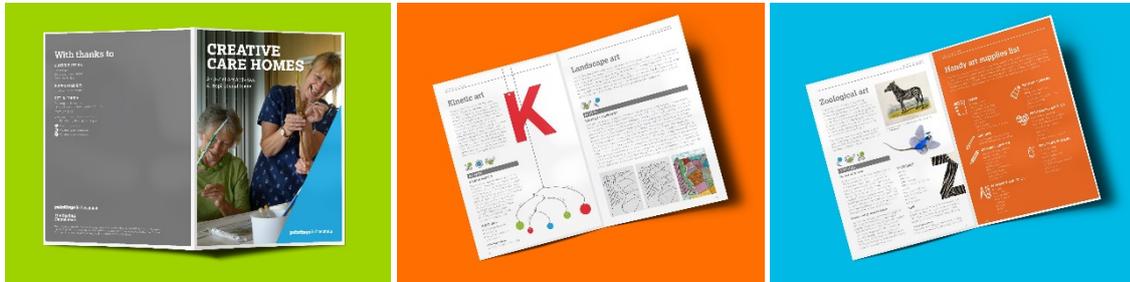
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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### ABOUT PAINTINGS IN HOSPITALS

[Paintings in Hospitals](#) is the only national art collection of its kind. Founded in 1959, the charity uses visual art to transform care spaces and inspire wellbeing for patients and carers. Paintings in Hospitals is partnered with 180 care organisations across the UK, lending its art and facilitating [creative workshops](#). The Paintings in Hospitals collection holds 4,000 artworks, including pieces by Bridget Riley, Antony Gormley, Maggi Hambling, Andy Warhol, Anish Kapoor, Howard Hodgkin, Helen Chadwick, Sonia Boyce, Alexander Calder, and more. In 2019 Paintings in Hospitals partnered with the **National Gallery** to bring a rare 17<sup>th</sup>-century masterpiece by [Artemisia Gentileschi](#) (worth £3.6 million) to a GP surgery in Yorkshire. This year the charity partnered with **Google Arts & Culture** and artist Tom Croft for [Healthcare Heroes](#), an exhibition of #PortraitsforNHSHeroes. The charity has previously partnered with the V&A, Arts Council Collection, Wallace Collection, and Hayward Gallery. Paintings in Hospitals is a Registered Charity (1065963).

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