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Forest fun for all the family

A visit to the emergency department may be a little less stressful for families with the addition of a colourful children's play area at Concord Hospital.

The new waiting area features a brightly painted forest theme, new mushroom furniture and toys and bean bags to match.

The transformation is part of a project to improve patient and family friendly waiting areas at hospitals and health centres across Sydney Local Health District.

The emergency department also made improvements to its public breastfeeding room and family quiet room.

Nurse manager Jenni Thorncraft, said the refurbishments were a welcome change.

"It is great to have a warm, inviting and child friendly space separate to the waiting area.

"It's not just about patients, but their families and visitors. We want to make families as comfortable as possible," Ms Thorncraft said.

Last year, Croydon Health Centre introduced new children's toys and activities into its waiting area with funding from District's innovation program, the Pitch.

The new toys have been so well received, similar additions are planned for the Marrickville Health Centre.



The new children's waiting area at Concord Hospital's emergency department.