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Hospitals get vintage makeover to help dementia – 24th September, 2019

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Hospitals in the UK are helping dementia patients with a "vintage makeover". This involves fitting hospitals with old-style cafes with a 1950s look; a movie theatre with black and white films from yesteryear; and a 1950s-themed "memory room" full of 1950s furniture. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) said the "dementia-friendly" themes could help patients to cope with stress by relaxing in familiar places that bring back happy memories.

Dementia is a term for conditions that involve a decline in memory, language ability, problem-solving and other skills. It affects a person's ability to do everyday things. There are 46.8 million people worldwide with dementia. Someone develops it every three seconds. The NHS believes that: "Having a dementia-friendly place to stay may help patients adjust better to their surroundings, lessen the likelihood of falls and reduce their reliance on medicine."

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Hospitals in the UK are helping people who suffer from dementia by undergone a "vintage makeover". This is to make dementia patients feel relaxed and to trigger memories about the past. The makeover includes creating old-style cafes with a 1950s look; a movie theatre where patients can watch black and white films from yesteryear; and a 1950s-themed "memory room" full of 1950s furniture. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) said the "dementia-friendly adaptations" could help patients to cope with stress by relaxing in familiar places that could bring back happy memories.

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Hospitals in the United Kingdom are adapting to help people who suffer from dementia. Many hospitals have undergone a "vintage makeover" to make dementia patients feel more relaxed and to help trigger memories about the past. The makeover includes creating tea rooms (old-style cafes) that look the same as those from the 1950s; a small movie theatre where patients can watch old black and white films from yesteryear; and a 1950s-themed "memory room" full of furniture and artwork from the 1950s. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) said the "dementia-friendly adaptations" could help patients to cope with stress by relaxing in familiar surroundings that could bring back happy memories.

Dementia is a term for diseases and conditions that involve a decline in memory. It is also accompanied by a deterioration in language ability, problem-solving and other thinking skills. The condition greatly affects a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia. The World Health Organization estimates there to be 46.8 million people worldwide living with dementia. Someone in the world develops it every three seconds. The NHS believes its makeover facilities will help dementia patients. It said: "Having a dementia-friendly place to stay may help patients adjust better to their surroundings, lessen the likelihood of falls and reduce their reliance on medicine."