



"Absolutely amazed and thrilled, the facilities that we are going to be able to offer a lot of people is going to be such a benefit. It has brought home the importance of what is needed but its also fulfilled a lot of dreams for a lot of people, just looking at the clients faces as they were walking round; they were absolutely buzzing. It's a real honour to be part of the team here. It's lovely to see the how hard the management work just to give a real quality of life for a lot of our clients because they mean such a lot. And it really helps the families, that's what we have to remember as well, is that we give a real quality of life for the families."

Diane Leek Board of trustees





Debbie Siva-Jothy Board of trustees

I think, what it will now offer to clients is beyond what I could've thought, the facilities which have come together within 18 months are just incredible. Really modern and really clean, a sort of space that's needed and I don't think anywhere else in Sheffield offers the same resource. Overall really proud of the facilities.

Do you remember our application to have a hydrotherapy pool? Well last week saw the opening of the brand new specialist sensory interaction centre, incorporating a hydrotherapy suite was a resounding success, with over a hundred people at the opening and a walking tour of the site that saw our clients and visitors spending over two hours familiarising themselves with the new facilities. While the rooms all have a brand new feel to them the great thing we are going to see is how they change and become more home like with use and play. Since opening, we have had many visitors including Sheffield City Council staff to the site to see the vast range of services we offer to our clients and other site users. This whole project has been designed to find new ways for our clients to experience movement, in a stimulating environment whilst at Burton Street. From a former timber yard to a highly equipped and totally accessible centre in under two years is a massive achievement. As our MD Clare Mappin noted during the opening speech it wouldn't have been possible without a huge effort from everyone involved. We had many donations from numerous organisations and individuals, starting with an appeal for people to collect 20p coins for 20 weeks to fund the hydrotherapy pool. We also received grants from Big Lottery, Veolia Environmental Trust and from Bailey Thomas to develop the whole area. The staff, clients' families and volunteers all contributed, and we need to say a massive thanks to you. Most importantly, a big thank you needs to go to the clients, we worked with them closely to shape what they wanted in the new centre; they drove the vision to create a top quality environment for them to learn and to develop and of course, to have fun.

Looking forward, Burton Street now has the capacity to support wide range of activities for our clients. This milestone is just another step in our evolution, now we can boast two professional kitchens, two community cafés, a bar, function rooms, conference rooms and training rooms, and lots of designated spaces for enjoyment and expression. All in one environment. A huge thanks needs to go out to everyone involved we really appreciate all the help!





