

HSE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE EAST INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT  
REDESIGN OF COURTYARD AND DINING ROOM – THE PSYCHIATRY OF OLD AGE  
ACUTE UNIT, ELM MOUNT, SAINT VINCENT'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Project Summary:

The redesign of the unit's courtyard garden and patient dining room will enhance opportunities for people with dementia to participate and engage in activities that are central to maintaining and preserving their function.

Phase 1: Creating and designing these spaces drawing from universal design principles and dementia friendly garden designs.

Phase 2: Integrating the redesigned spaces into use through education within the multidisciplinary team and focused interventions lead by the occupational therapist with individual clients.

Phase 3: Evaluating across a spectrum of outcomes (clinical, service users & carer feedback, service/system improvement).