

## Noah's Ark Play Area Adventure Themed Playground

Client: Cardiff Children's Hospital Address: Heath Park Way, Cardiff, CF14 4XW Budget: £25,000 Age Range: 2-4 Years



Before

## Project Story

After

Cardiff Children's Hospital needed an outdoor play space in their old courtyard area to help children play and develop their physical abilities when receiving treatment. Each floor of the hospital is themed around Noah's Ark, with the play area needing to fit within this theme. They were inspired by a little girl called Neve who visited the hospital regularly. Neve is a young Girl who has spent months at the Hospital after suffering from Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), losing control over the left side of her body.

Proludic worked with landscape architects Corscadden Associates to create a bright and fun area, using bespoke finishes to theme equipment choices. The train multi play unit was used to allow wheel chair users to play on the same units as everybody else and there is lots of quiet seating areas for reflective and quiet play. The best solution though is providing Neve and other families an engaging space away from the wards and used for therapy sessions.

The Noah's Ark Garden is very much a symbol of the combined vision we had for a children's hospital for Wales - a world class paediatric facility with the needs of children and families at its heart. It provides a fun and engaging space for children to receive therapy and a safe place for them to play in the outdoors. It's also a haven for families, who in some cases are facing long periods apart, to spend time together away from the wards. As a charity, we're delighted to have been able to help make the vision for this garden a reality. We hope that it will provide a place of both solace and fun for generations of children to come.

- Lyn Jones OBE, President of the Noah's Ark Charity



## Themed Play

Themed equipment encourages children to use their imagination. They can be adventurers on boats, trains, rockets, fire engines, lions or dinosaurs. They can also be environments, Adventure, Metropolis, City and Aquatic.

They can give free rein to their imagination, stimulated by the numerous details and original elements on each item of equipment.

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