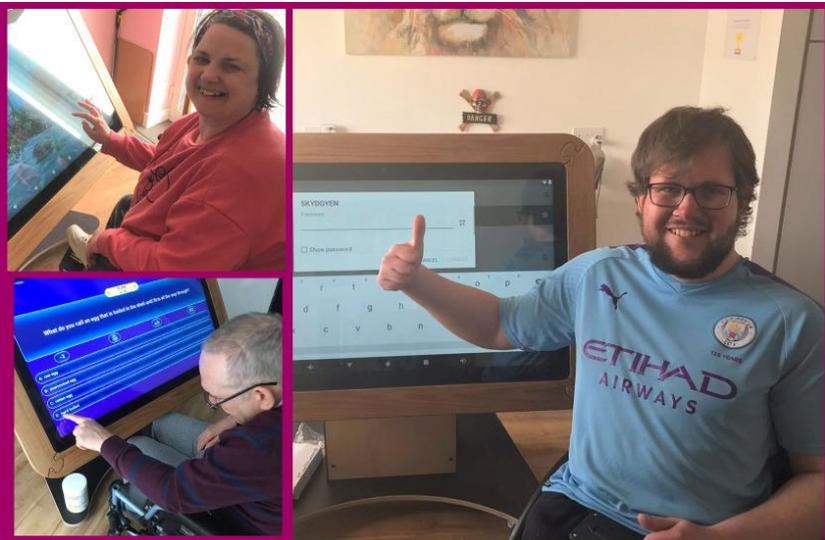


## Avalon Court residents benefit from community generosity

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Residents at Sanctuary Supported Living's Avalon Court, a supported living service in Ipswich, are celebrating after receiving a brand-new interactive activity table, thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses.

Staff at the service, which provides one-bedroom apartments with onsite care and support for people with physical and learning disabilities, originally put out a call to the local community for support, after seeing a Rainbow Table in action and realising how much residents would benefit.

They were overwhelmed with the positive response, with generous donations coming in from family and friends of both residents and staff, as well as local businesses, including Barnes construction and Ipswich Software. The team's fundraising efforts were also boosted by a £400 contribution from Sanctuary's co-regulation fund and £500 from the Community Investment fund, both of which support resident-led projects and community activities from across Sanctuary's services and homes.

The Rainbow Table, which is large touch-screen tablet on wheels, around the same size as a television, offers a range of different activities such as interactive games, sensory experiences using light and

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sound, and learning technology. It is also fully adjustable and can easily be used in a seated position, which means it's accessible for Avalon Court's residents – many of whom are wheelchair users.

Katrina Jackson, Local Service Manager at Avalon Court, said: "I'm so pleased that we've been able to purchase this Rainbow Table for residents. I know it'll make a big difference to them to have access to all the activities it offers, especially after they had to isolate and shield in their apartments for so long during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us by donating to our fundraising efforts. We'd especially like to thank the local people and businesses who've collectively donated nearly £2000. This wouldn't have been possible without their kindness and generosity."

