UA Tyneside choose their first ever nominated charity in The Sick Children's Trust

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The Tyneside operation of Utility Alliance (UA) has announced that charity The Sick Children's Trust will be its first-ever nominated charity.

The Newcastle operation, which is based at Quorum Business Park, has just passed its first year anniversary and is building up its presence within the local community.

The charity, which runs two specific houses, Crawford and Scott, in the city, caters for the families with sick children in hospital by supporting them with free accommodation which includes a private bedroom and full use of facilities such as a kitchen, living areas and laundry facilities.

Both Crawford House and Scott House are based within the main hospital grounds at the Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI) and the Freeman Hospital.

UA recently visited Crawford House at the RVI which covers 18 children's wards in the hospital, and was given a tour of The Sick Children's Trust 'Home from Home' to hear about the amazing work which the charity carries out.

Jonny Wood, Operational Manager at Utility Alliance, visited the facility alongside HR Manager Denise Moore, PR and Marketing Assistant Amy Cowan and nominated fundraising manager Nathan Allen.

Jonny said: "After finding out how The Sick Children's Trust was completely funded by donations and the goodwill of people, it was a no brainer for us to get involved.

"The work the charity does for families going through the most difficult of times is tremendous. Having that place for parents to try and recharge their batteries is amazing.

"Moving forward we plan to do various fundraising events in our office to raise cash and essentials for them.

"We will also be encouraging our staff to get involved with The Sick Children's Trust through their various volunteering opportunities, so we're really looking forward to getting involved and hopefully making a difference."

Jasmine Race, Assistant Manager at Crawford and Scott Houses, says:

"We are absolutely delighted to be UA's first-ever nominated charity and are excited about the impact working together will have on the families we support. As a charity, we rely entirely on voluntary donations to support families with a place to stay just momenta from their child's hospital bedside. It costs us £30 to support a family for one night. By volunteering and raising money for The Sick Children's Trust, UA will be able to provide a 'Home from Home' for families in Newcastle, giving families one less thing to worry about."

To find out more about The Sick Children's Trust please visit their website: sickchildrenstrust.org

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