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Sixty seconds on . . . sofas

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Sofas?! What I'd give to sit down for five minutes

Well, now maybe you can because two furniture retailers have been donating sofas to hospitals. Isn't that amazing?

Don't couch your words

Sorry, I got carried away. But Made and the DFS Group—which includes DFS, Sofology, Dwell, and Sofa Workshop—have donated sofas, sofabeds, and other items such as crockery to hospitals around the UK for staff to use when they are able to take a break.

Where are they seat-uated?

The DFS Group said it has donated 30 items of furniture so far to hospitals in London, Bristol, Wales, and Glasgow. Meanwhile, Made has helped to upgrade 157 staff rooms in 119 hospitals across the UK, including Bristol, Brighton, and Bangor.

Why the chair-ity?

Well, Made said that after speaking to staff at UK hospitals, they realised that many did not have decent break areas. The

team based at Made's London headquarters decided to help get products they had available out to hospitals as soon as possible.

Bet that's popular

Yes, Made said they have been inundated with requests, all coming through their network of NHS workers. Which isn't surprising, with the whole NHS working extremely hard during the covid-19 outbreak.

I guess they hope this will cushion the blow?

And act as a thank you to NHS staff for their hard work. Jo Jackson, chief creative officer at made.com, said, "We hope to support these hard working heroes with a more comfortable place to have a well deserved rest."

Jim Stacey, DFS group chief executive, said, "We are so grateful to the NHS and the least we can do is provide home comforts and a well earned place to rest for NHS workers across the UK."