

Supporting Isle of Wight NHS Trust Charity



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To keep up to date with the latest news from IOW NHS Charity follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/IOWNHSCharity

To make a donation visit: www.iow.nhs.uk/donate



Dementia blankets

Are you a keen knitter or crocheter?

We would be very grateful for any twiddle muffs and brightly coloured dementia blankets for our patients living with dementia.

These items bring comfort and greatly improve their experience of being in hospital. They can also be taken home with the patient when they are discharged.

For a pattern and information on how to donate these items please visit www.iow.nhs.uk



Introduction

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust Charity offers vital support to the Isle of Wight NHS Trust.

Thanks to the people and businesses from across the Island who support our Charity, we are able to provide extra facilities and equipment that help to make a trip to the hospital more bearable. In combination with our volunteers, the Charity and its generous donors help us to make our care kinder, more responsive, and a better fit with the needs and interests of the Isle of Wight community.

Our staff also benefit from the generosity of those who give to the Charity, through funding for opportunities to acquire additional skills and knowledge which enhance the quality of the care they give, to support for wellbeing initiatives which help keep them happy and fulfilled in their work. We know that people who feel cared for, and cared about, provide better care to their patients, and the Charity helps us to make that happen.

We are so grateful to everyone who supports the Charity, in any form and to any degree. Your contribution helps us to deliver our objective of delivering high quality, compassionate care that makes a positive difference to our Island community.

Thank you.

Signature

Melloney Poole

Chairman
Charity Board of Trustees



Melloney Poole

Thank you

We are so grateful to everyone who donates and fundraises for us. The impact this charitable giving has to our patients, staff members and services is huge.

Without the support of the public and the Island community we wouldn't have been able to manage as effectively as we do.

We have seen the benefits of the charitable fund, the impact it has and how it makes people feel supported and valued.

On behalf of the charitable fund, thank you. We look forward to working with you to develop our Charity and giving even more to our Island community and members of **#TeamIOWNHS**



About us

Donations to the Isle of Wight NHS Trust Charity make a huge difference to the experience people have when they are being cared for by our Trust.

The Charity supports the health and wellbeing of staff members and volunteers.

It also provides financial support to cover those non-essential items that are not covered or fully supported by NHS funds.

The people who use local NHS services are our colleagues, our neighbours and our friends. We are a close-knit community and that is what makes being part of the Island's NHS a unique privilege.

Our Charity is here for all of us and there are many ways in which you can support and raise funds or make donations that will improve people's lives. Over the next few pages we share some wonderful examples of how our community supports us.



Other ways you can get involved

Volunteering

We have a wonderful team of 130 volunteers at the Trust who all make a significant difference to our patients, visitors, and our staff.

Volunteers undertake a wide range of activities including talking to patients, making teas/coffees, making beds, signposting to services and escorting people around the hospital.

Volunteers from the age of 16 are welcome, if you are interested, please email: iownt.volunteer@nhs.net



Volunteer Community First Responders

Volunteer Community First Responders are trained individuals who attend 999 calls to provide first responder skills ahead of the ambulance arriving.

Can you donate your time and join this brilliant team?

Email: iownt.volunteer@nhs.net



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How you can support us

We always aim to provide the very best care to our Island population and to do this we need your help in supporting our Charity.

Our Charity is relatively small with big ambitions. We want to invest in things that will continue to improve patient and staff wellbeing.

All donations made to our Charity will be directed to the most relevant place as we always have a long list of projects and equipment that would benefit our patients and staff. If you would prefer to make a donation or fundraise for a specific service or area of the Trust, please let us know and we can support you and the service or ward in managing this.

As well as fundraising through events and sponsorship, you can also make a personal or business donation directly to the Charity or consider becoming a regular donor by setting up a monthly direct debit. Another way you may consider helping is by creating a legacy that will last for years to come by pledging to leave a gift donation in your will.

We would be happy to hear from you and our Charity Team is here to support you in making your donation.

Please give us a call on
01983 822099 ext 6274
email iownt.charity@nhs.net
to find out more.

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How our community supports us

Item donation

Fundraising to purchase a specific piece of equipment for the Trust.

The Accuvein vein finder, nicknamed Phoebe's Light, after a very special girl, helps medics see veins that are difficult to find, reducing the need for multiple attempts at blood taking or cannulation.

This simple piece of equipment makes blood tests less traumatic for all children, which is invaluable.

Having witnessed first-hand how the vein finder helps children, Phoebe's family headed the fundraising efforts to buy one for our Children's Ward.

As news spread and fundraising gained momentum, the Charity, received many generous donations from the public and from organisations raising an impressive £4,800!

The family didn't stop there, they continued to raise money and were able to purchase another one for our Children's Emergency Department which they called Esme's light.



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Examples of fundraising

Taking on a challenge

Whether you want to shave your head, jump out of a plane, run a marathon or come up with you own unique daring event, there are so many ways to raise funds which can be donated to the Trust.

Five members of the Isle of Wight Ambulance Service ran the Southampton Half Marathon to raise money for a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

An AED can help save the life of someone experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. They are easy to use, portable and have clear step-by-step instructions to enable a member of the public to use one before an ambulance arrives.

Working for the ambulance service, they know first-hand how important these devices are and although the marathon was hilly and hot, Tom, Ben, Ellie, Ray and James all made it to the finish line, raising an impressive £1,000.



What your money can buy



£10=

compost and seeds for the patients' allotment at Sevenacres



£20=

a mastectomy bra



£50=

arts and crafts supplies for the Children's Ward



£75=

a prescription wig for a patient following Chemotherapy



£150=

a TV for patients and families during end of life care on Wellow Unit



£300=

a parasol for an on-site patient garden



£1,000=

outdoor furniture for patients and families to use



£8,000=

a sensory mat for patients living with dementia



Staff personal development

For many years our charitable funds have supported staff with their personal development, helping hundreds of people take the next steps on their career path.

It has enabled them to attend courses which enhance their knowledge and skills.

As a result, our colleagues have been able to progress in their career at the Trust while making a real difference to the people they are looking after and improve the services that they are delivering.

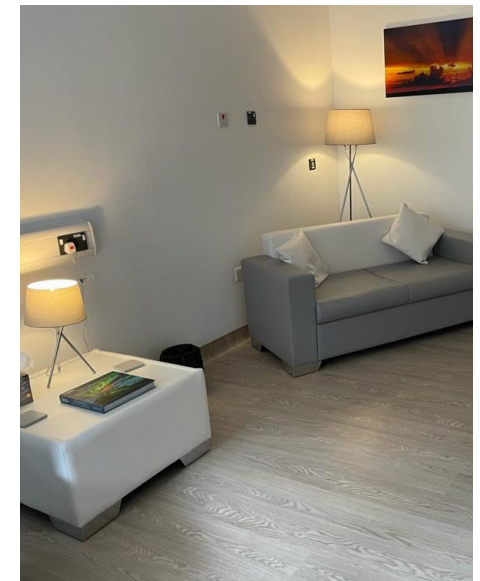


In memory

Making a donation is a lovely way to remember somebody special to you in a way that benefits others in the community.

A huge thank you to Michelle and Jason, whose family and friends helped to raise an incredible £3,000 in memory of baby Lola Rose who was stillborn.

This donation is being used by the Trust to create a calm and relaxing area near the Maternity Ward for families to enjoy.



Donations through events

If you enjoy putting on social events, you might want to host a tea party, sporting fixture or even a charity ball.

Members of #TeamIOWNHS wanted to set up a football team and play against other organisations to help raise money for the Charity and other Island charities.

The Charity was able to purchase their football kit which enabled them to start playing charity matches.

Through football matches and a charity auction event, the IW NHS Spartans have so far raised £7,000 which will go a long way.



Supporting our staff

The health and wellbeing of all members of #TeamIOWNHS is a top priority for the Trust.

Staff asked for more outdoor space to enjoy and, as a result of generous donations, we have been able to provide 14 picnic benches in the hospital grounds for our teams to take some time to rest and enjoy the outdoors.

Staff rest rooms also needed refurbishing to provide a more suitable space for breaktimes. New furniture including chairs, footrests and staff lockers were bought as well as toasters, microwaves and kettles.



New equipment for the Community Heart Failure Team

The Community Heart Failure Team was able to buy two new portable ECG machines and three new stethoscopes following a generous donation from the Osborne Masonic Lodge.

Having the portable ECG machines has made a huge difference and the team can now run tests and provide treatment to patients much more quickly.



Donate online

There are many causes to donate to on the Charity's Just Giving page.

Wellow Unit, an end-of-life care ward, is looking to purchase recliner chairs and other home comforts to provide a more personal and less clinical environment for patients at the end of their lives.

The Charity is also supporting our Children's Ward to provide a safe haven for parents of children at the end of their lives.



How donations are making a difference

The incredible generosity and support from members of the community, organisations and #TeamLOWNHS has enabled the Charity to buy things that patients and their families have said are important to them.

We know that, when patients have a good experience it can have a positive impact on their recovery and sometimes something simple can have the biggest impact.

Everything counts, from life-saving equipment to enabling the creation of a calm environment, your support is what makes that difference.

Supporting our Patients living with Dementia

With the support of the Charity, the Mental Health Team were able to purchase three Reminiscence Interactive Therapy Activities (RITA) units.

These devices have been invaluable in helping to support patients with dementia, learning disabilities and anxiety.

RITA units are loaded with content including clips of historic events and sporting occasions, films, interactive games, classic TV programmes and karaoke.

They provide a welcome distraction which helps patients focus on the positive rather than on procedures which may cause distress.



Improving the lives of patients on the Stroke Unit

The Stroke Unit was able to use funds to purchase some stroke specific seating which can be very expensive but is hugely beneficial to patients who need this support.

The team also uses money that has been donated to buy craft items, games, music and puzzles which help stimulate and entertain patients during their time in hospital.

