

Making a difference in 2025

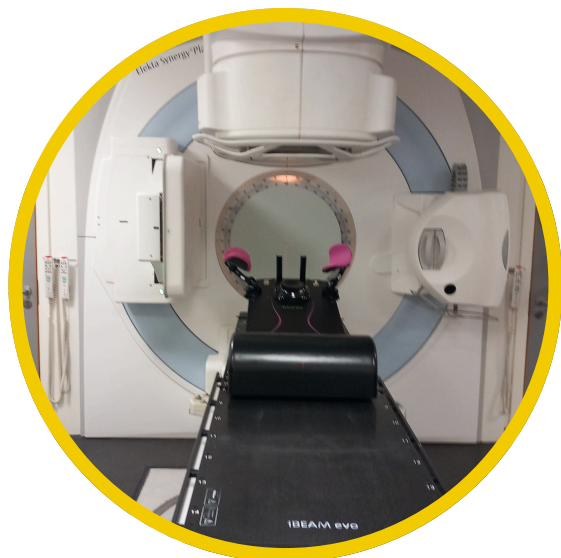
Over the past year Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity supporters have made a real difference for the patients, visitors, community, NHS staff and services across your hospitals. We have really enjoyed sharing just some of the positive impact you have made in our newsletters this past year and hope you continue to look forward to our updates.

A few highlights in recent months include the arrival of a sensory play trolley for the children's emergency department supporting neurodiverse children, co-funding for new breast boards for the Worcestershire Oncology Centre with Friends of Worcestershire Royal Hospital and providing magnifying surgical loupe glasses for the surgical vascular team.



The provision of play equipment makes a real difference in making our hospitals more comfortable spaces for our young patients, supporting them to understand and process their hospital journey and experience. The sensory trolley, which has mirrors, glitterball lights and animations to play on walls and ceilings, offers children a welcome distraction and a calming experience.

New medical equipment makes a big impact in our hospitals. Thanks to your support we are pleased to have funded two pairs of magnifying surgical loupe glasses for the surgical vascular team, ensuring our patients have access to the very latest versions of equipment.



In partnership with Friends of Worcestershire Royal Hospital we are pleased to have funded four new breast boards for the Worcestershire Oncology Centre. The boards will be used predominantly by patients receiving radiotherapy as part of their breast cancer treatment. The boards help to hold patients in stable, precise positions to receive their radiation treatment, helping to ensure accuracy of radiation beams being delivered to affected areas. The boards also feature arm supports, knee supports and headrests which help patients to remain comfortable for the duration of their treatment and removes the anxiety associated with trying to stay perfectly still during treatments.

Deck the words!

Thanks to generous donations across the year, we are delighted to have been able to deck the halls of your hospitals. From nutcrackers to giant baubles you have certainly bought some joy! A charity team favourite is seeing all the Christmas lights shining bright to help bring a bit of festive cheer for patients and their loved ones.



Presents for patients



Waking up in hospital on Christmas Day isn't what anybody hopes for, however our hardworking NHS staff always try their very best to make the day as celebratory as possible for our patients. Giving out gifts on Christmas morning, kindly donated by Baylis & Harding as well as a gift for newborns from Little Bird Told Me, always brings smiles for NHS staff and patients alike. This year over 900 were hand delivered to our wards by the fabulous hospital volunteers ready for Christmas morning!

A thank you for NHS staff

Your NHS staff go above and beyond every day caring for patients, and this Christmas our festive thank you has been made all the sweeter with the gift of chocolates. Thanks to our generous supporters, chocolate deliveries have been made to staff across all our hospital sites this December.



Spreading the Christmas magic



For children, spending time in hospital in the lead up to Christmas is hard. Thanks to our community, and the amazing work of children's services staff, children spending time in your hospitals are able to experience some wonderful Christmas magic, including Santa visits, gifts, and decorations. This year we have even been joined by Mistletoe the Reindeer on our mission to make Christmas sparkle! Thank you to local company Surf Works for gifting our cute new Christmas mascot.