

Welcome to your latest Newsletter from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity

From new training equipment to the funding of an awareness-raising inflatable bowel, it's certainly been an eventful spring across your local hospitals.

Your support is helping to ensure the best hospital care and experiences for patients, their loved ones, your community and the amazing NHS staff who provide the services, thank you.

With best wishes



Sophie
Head of Fundraising and Community Development

Enhancing training opportunities for staff



Following a grant from the Daisychain Benevolent Fund Trust, staff from Worcestershire Royal Hospital's children's ward are practicing life-saving techniques for young children in realistic scenarios. Thanks to the grant we were able to purchase a lifelike medical simulation mannequin.

The training simulation doll - named Arthur - provides advanced training opportunities for the children's team at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. Arthur enables valuable practice for scenarios in assessing, diagnosing and treating young children in a wide range of medical situations such as anaphylaxis, seizure, respiratory conditions, and an extensive range of other high dependency situations.

Arthur is incredibly lifelike with realistic skin, hair and body parts which can move and react like a young child. The state-of-the-art training mannequin can even speak with preloaded phrases, as well as be connected to a real defibrillator or mechanical ventilator. So, staff can get hands-on practice of complex life-support situations for children in a safe and controlled environment.

You are the lifeline connecting our communities to exceptional hospital care

Thanks to your support:

- A bowel cancer awareness-raising inflatable bowel has been funded for use by the Bowel Cancer Team across our hospitals and in the community.
- Thanks to a kind donation by local company, C R Macdonald, the children's emergency department waiting room at the Alexandra Hospital is now equipped with noise cancelling headphones, reading books and dress up high vis, helping to make the experience that bit more comfortable for our youngest patients, and their loved ones.
- Sometimes the simplest things can make a real difference for patient experience, and thanks to your support Cardiac Rehabilitation Classes at Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre are now sound tracked! An MP3 player and Bluetooth speaker have been provided for the exercise classes which take place three times a week, now with a retro playlist throughout. During the classes patients are taken through warmups, peak exercises, and a cool down routine. Being able to time the movements to music helps patients to achieve the 120bpm heart rates aimed for.



A new way to support your local hospitals!

Your hospitals charity has in recent months launched a weekly lottery. Your weekly lottery funds a variety of projects across your hospitals that improve patient care and experience, enhance clinical spaces, provide additional medical equipment and support our staff.

By becoming a member of the lottery you will make a real difference in your hospitals.

£1 a week could support local children battling cancer to enjoy special events and time with their families.

£2 a week could purchase Reminiscence Technology that supports patients with Dementia to relive special memories.

Find out more and sign up online here: <https://wahcharity.org/alottocelbrate>

Thank you for your support. We look forward to keeping you updated on the difference you are making.

Best wishes, the Charity Team

P.S. You can update the way you are contacted and what you receive from us at any time by calling 01905 768954 or by visiting, wahcharity.org/manage-contact-preference