

Welcome to your latest Newsletter from Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Charity

Over the summer, thanks to your support, a wonderful variety of projects have been delivered across your hospitals and all of them are making a huge, positive difference to patients and staff alike. We are excited to share these stories with you in this newsletter.

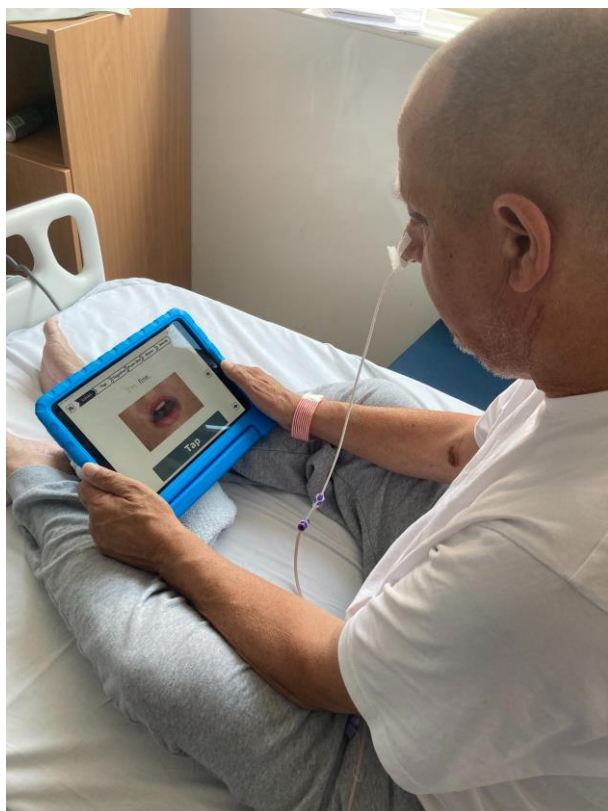
As a dedicated supporter of your hospitals, we are also very pleased to share with you the launch of a new fundraising appeal supporting maternity care, Hold the Moment - Maternity Appeal.

With best wishes

Sophie

Head of Fundraising and Community Development

You are transforming patient care



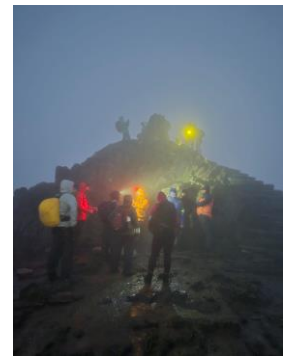
Thanks to you, patients with apraxia and aphasia now have access to specialist speech therapy apps when recovering in the Acute Stroke Unit at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Specially designed apps have been installed on the Acute Stroke Unit iPad, giving patients the tools to continue their recovery on the ward. The apps which are tailorable to each patient's recovery, are making a real difference with a patient recently feeding back that the apps "work for them" and are helping them with their speech rehabilitation.

A speech therapist on the ward shared that the patient was able to independently navigate the apps to help with both their aphasia and apraxia - "It was great to see him using the iPad within sessions and on his own later in the day! These apps help patients achieve greater therapy intensity and give them more ownership over their recovery."

Because of you

- Brand new TV's and streaming services have been installed in the waiting room of the Children's Clinic and the Young Persons' Room at Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Being able to view comforting shows and keep up with the latest releases whilst staying in hospital can make a big difference to patient's experience and their wellbeing, especially our teenage and young adult patients.
- Hand held dynameters have been provided across the hospital's outpatients physiotherapy units. The dynameters, which are being used daily in sessions, are brand new technology and provide immediate strength test results right on the devices screen, bringing quick and accurate results for patients across the board.
- Back in June 58 amazing walkers took on a real challenge walking through the night to reach Snowdon's summit at sunrise. Team Worcestershire Acute took on a bit more of a challenge than anticipated with the summer weather disappearing, they trekked through 50mph wind and rain to meet the sunrise raising over £20,000 in the process. A huge well done and thank you to everyone who took part! The Play Team in Children's A&E are in the process of using their funds raised to purchase a sensory play trolley that can be moved around the department and help to soothe our younger patients whilst they are in A&E.



A new appeal launched



This month we launched our latest fundraising appeal: Hold the Moment, Maternity Appeal.

From the moment expectant parents find out they are pregnant, to the delivery of their baby, maternity services are there for them every step of the way.

With over 4,500 babies born across Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust each year, maternity services hold time for safe arrivals and hands throughout the hardest moments, they care for the whole family, but there are improvements which could make the experience even better.

The appeal is fundraising for buddy beds, comfy chairs which can transform into a bed, allowing partners to get a better rest at the bedside during labour, enhancements to maternity environments across all hospitals, additional jaundice meters to allow for quick diagnosis by the community midwife teams and an extension to the maternity bereavement suite to allow for a dedicated memory making facility.

Some moments stay with us forever – this appeal aims to help families hold them, making sure every family feels supported, remembered, and held in their most precious moments. Will you help us?

Find out more on our website: www.wahcharity.org

Thank you for your support of your local hospitals, together we can make a real impact.

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