

How you can help your local Hospital and Community

**Registered Charity** No:1059467





By supporting The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, you can help us to assist the Trust to continually improve patients experiences and outcomes.

Your vital support provides additional resources to patients and their families and makes their visit as comfortable as possible.

Everything that the Charity funds is above and beyond that provided by the NHS and can range from smaller items up to larger more expensive items of equipment, ensuring that all patients and their families receive a VIP experience.

### Help to support our young patients

Imagine being 6 years old and coming into hospital – your support will help

#### Help to support our older patients

Your kind donations can help enhance care by helping to provide resources that help engage patients. We use art, music and photographs to help them to reconnect with their family members and loved ones whilst in hospital. Regular purchases include tactile items for activity boxes, art and craft resources and musical instruments.

We have recently received funding for a central Dementia Information & Support Hub at New Cross Hospital and aspire to provide this valuable resource at both Cannock Chase Hospital and West Park Hospital. The Hub will provide patients, their carers and loved ones with additional support and access to up to date information to help make informed decisions about care.

# purchase books and toys for the activity room on the Children's Ward and waiting areas throughout the hospital, to enable children to play and be less scared of the hospital environment.

#### Help to support cancer services

Your support could help provide lifesaving cancer equipment - the Trust has 4 linear accelerators that treat 3,600 patients per year, delivering 32,500 treatments. Each linear accelerator treats 900 patients per year, performing non-invasive, image guiding radiotherapy with pinpoint accuracy.

These machines require periodic replacement with each machine costing £1.5 million.

Some older machines are subject to breaking down and needing regular repairs. The sourcing of spare parts and additional repair time means that patients may sometimes wait longer to receive their treatment.

Your gift (of whatever you can afford) will support us to reduce treatment times and increase improved patient outcomes.

#### Help to enhance excellence in care

The Trust has an Education, Training and Leadership Strategy which identifies the key education priorities. Excellence in training inspires excellence in care and is paramount to the patient safety agenda. Your support can make a real difference by enabling staff to attend additional training events (above and beyond their mandatory training), meet with colleagues from other Trusts and continually learn from and share examples best practice.

Your generosity could fund items such as Complete Virtual Reality Simulator. Each machine costs £149,000 and gives trainees the experience of cataract surgery in a safe environment without putting patients at risk.

### Help to enhance patient's therapy and recovery

For many patients that have experienced a stroke, communication can be a challenge. They may have difficulty in speaking or understanding others, which can lead to them feeling frustrated and very isolated. Your support could help us to purchase communication aids and the required software so patients can more easily express their care needs with staff as well as communicate with their family and loved ones.

Research suggests that aromatherapy can reduce anxiety, depression, and pain as well as an increase a patient's sense of wellbeing. A regular donation could provide aromatherapy sessions to patients bravely battling different types of cancers.

#### Help to support **Trust Volunteers**

The Trust is extremely proud and very appreciative of its volunteer workforce who allow us to go that extra mile in providing excellent patient and carer experiences. We have 602 active volunteers within the Trust who provide on average 2408 voluntary hours per week- that's a whopping 125,216 hours per year!

Your support will help with the costs of on-going support and training of volunteers as well as rewarding and recognising all of their hard work through the annual Trust Volunteer Awards.

Help to support those at the end of their life

The Trust actively promotes culture and practice where patients die with dignity and respect and the end of life care experience has lasting positive memories for the family and loved ones of the dying and deceased.

Your support will help provide comfort packs for relatives that stay at the hospital with their loved ones and treasured Memory Boxes to safely store sentimental items belonging to their loved ones such as jewellery or a lock of hair.



Help to support vital research

Your support will help fund ground breaking research in over 200 studies, allowing Clinicians to gain further knowledge on a variety of areas including Cancer, Cardiology, Critical Care, Diabetes, Renal, Stroke and Women &

Children.

#### Studies such as:

- STOMP A trial to find out whether a drug called olaparib can delay or prevent the relapse of small cell lung cancer after standard chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
- TABLET Study to find out if treatment with thyroid hormone tablets can reduce miscarriage and premature births in women with thyroid antibodies.



## Help to support patient's families and loved ones

Having a loved one or child in hospital can be a very stressful and emotionally challenging time for families. Your support will help us to improve relative facilities such as family rooms and fold out chair beds. Relatives can then be close by at all times as a support to the patient and to make any urgent clinical decisions.