Press Release

Scrapping for a good cause

BABIES in the neonatal unit at Royal Hampshire County Hospital will benefit thanks to the charitable work of a Hampshire plumbing company.

Each year, Unique Plumbing Supplies gather scrap metal, sell it and donate the money raised to a charity of their choice.

This year, they raised £1,580 – and Adam Kill, operations director at Unique Plumbing Supplies, nominated the neonatal unit at RHCH, where his daughter was treated 12 years ago.

Adam said: “The care and support we received in the neonatal unit has stayed with us for all these years so we are very delighted to give back to the unit.

“We understand how difficult it can be for parents going through this situation and know that every little help can make a huge difference both to the care of the babies and to the families’ experience.”

The money will be donated to the Hampshire Hospitals charity, which is managed by the Foundation Trust itself and is split into ward and department funds. Unique Plumbing Supplies have chosen the Basing Unit to be the beneficiary of their efforts and the unit will use the money towards new equipment.

Raewyn Twaddle, neonatal services team leader, said: “We’re very thankful to Adam and Unique Plumbing Supplies for this donation. The money will go towards much-needed equipment such as apnea monitors and hot cots that will help us develop as a unit and keep providing outstanding patient care.”

To find out more about the Hampshire Hospitals Charity, including how to make a donation, visit www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/about-us/donate-to-our-charities/hampshire-hospitals-charity.

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PHOTO: Adam Kill (right) handing the cheque to Raewyn Twaddle

Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 570,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £385 million a year.
3. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.
4. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by NHS Improvement, an independent regulator.

5. Hampshire Hospitals Charity (Registered Charity 1060133) is managed by the Foundation Trust itself and is split into ward and department funds. The funds are used to provide items that will benefit both patients and staff as well as to brighten up patient treatment areas and staff facilities. Most wards and departments have their own funds and the decisions as to how the funds are to be used are made at ward and departmental level, subject to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

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