Patient’s family makes generous donation

CHILDREN who are allergic to cow’s milk will benefit thanks to the fundraising efforts of a patient’s family.

The family of Lydia Lock, who was treated at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, have raised £3,000, which will be used to buy much-needed equipment for the hospital’s dietetic department.

Lydia suffered from a heart condition, bronchiolitis, probable cow’s milk allergy and poor feed tolerance in the early months of her life. She was treated with a range of specialist infant formulas and fed by a nasogastric tube for seven months before making a full recovery earlier this year.

Sarah Lock, Lydia’s mother said: “The staff at the hospital were always very supportive and helpful, so we wanted to give something back.

“I wanted to thank Pertemps for helping us raise £2,000 as well as our friends and family who managed to raise £1,000. This donation means a lot to us and we hope it can help families going through the same thing.”

Isabelle Brady, dietetic team lead at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital, in Winchester, said: “We delighted to see that Lydia is doing so well and are very thankful for the donation.

“The funds will be used to buy measuring equipment for the outpatient department, community weighting scales, as well as equipment to set up a community education group for children with a cow’s milk allergy.

“The education group is being set up to help families receive prompt dietary information about cow’s milk-free weaning. It will also enable families to meet and share their experiences, providing peer support.”

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PHOTO: Lydia Lock with her family and members of staff

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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 £385million 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
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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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