Press Release

Training boost for nurses and therapists

THE Ark Medical Trust has given a cash boost to support training for nurses and therapists in Hampshire Hospitals.

The £20,000 donation, which the trust hopes will become an annual donation, is being used to support the training and development of nurses and therapists.

Sandra Fell, chairman of The Ark, said: “We are really pleased to support training in our local hospitals and would like to thank all of the NHS staff who are regular customers of The Ark in Basingstoke, because they have helped to make this possible.”

Donna Green, chief nurse at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: “This year we have used the money to support ward sisters to undertake a foundation practice development course.

“On this course they learnt skills in facilitating and supporting training and development for staff on the wards. Encouraging our staff to reach their own personal goals helps us to recruit and retain the best staff.”

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Photo: Left to right: Merv Rees, director of surgical services at HHFT, Donna Green, chief nurse, Sandra Fell, chairman of The Ark, and Carl Brookes, director of medical services.

Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 600,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £353 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.