

External Grants

The Trust received a donation of £37,000 from Goodyear workers

Will Fortnight

Waldrons Solicitors report the best year to date raising over £6,000

Baby Bereavement Suite Appeal

Thanks to your generous donations we have passed our £50,000 target.



Charity Reg. No: 1056979

2018 Charity Review

£30,000 raised in wheelchair campaign

Russells Hall Hospital benefitted from 50 new wheelchairs due to generous donations from the local community.

Karen Phillips, fundraising manager, said: "We were overwhelmed with the response. We have had businesses sponsoring wheelchairs, someone ran a marathon to sponsor one, schools fundraising; everyone took the campaign to heart."

She added: "The new-style wheelchairs have been really well received. Patients are really liking them, patients' families are finding them easier to push and manoeuvre and our staff obviously love them."



Go Neon for Neonatal

Nearly 300 rainbow runners were spectacularly splattered with neon powder whilst they made their way around the 5k route at Himley Hall Park, Dudley on Sunday 10 June 2018.

The Neon Dash is the brightest biggest event on the charity's calendar and raised a whopping £13,000 for the Neonatal Unit.

The florescent family fun day was superbly supported by the Black Country Radio road show in the family arena, which included a bouncy castle, funky face painting, a barista van, gourmet burgers and a variety of charity stands.

2019 Neon Dash – Go Neon for Neonatal - Sunday 9 June 2019. Show your colours!



"Making our vision happen involves all our partners: staff, patients and the local community"



Two wards benefit from a generous grant from the Goodyear Workers Benevolent Fund

The Trust was delighted to receive a £37,000 grant to support two essential projects at Russell Hall Hospital from the Goodyear Workers Benevolent Fund.



Members of the Goodyear Workers Benevolent Fund met with staff on the Critical Care Unit to see for themselves the huge difference the Bioquell Pod will make

The first purchase was a £28,000 Bioquell Isolation Pod for the critical care unit. Karen Kelly, director of operations said: "The Pod is an amazing addition to the unit. It allows our staff to treat critically ill patients with confirmed or suspected infectious diseases, in a safe environment for the patient and their neighbours. When we do not have infectious patients it can be used as a normal bed space."

The therapy room in the Stroke Unit at Russells Hall Hospital also benefited from the grant. The unit was able to purchase 'RITA' which is a state of the art reminiscence interactive therapy unit. It was originally developed to aid therapy for dementia patients but it has also proved invaluable to support the recovery of Stroke patients.

Mr Barrett, Chairman of the 5/344 Transport and General Workers Union Branch Benevolent Fund said: "It's all about creating this living legacy for those who worked at Goodyear. We are proud to be able to purchase these items, and to know that patients will benefit for many years to come."

Please consider supporting one of our appeals



Dementia

Moving forward with dignity and respect

A diagnosis of dementia is life changing for the patient, their family and friends. But the diagnosis does not mean that life is over, just different. With preparation and understanding you can face the challenges head on.



Children

Making it better for our younger patients

Hospitals can be a scary place, especially for children. Our charity endeavours to ease the experience of the children in our hospital, and their families, by providing a comfortable, reassuring base for their care and treatment.



Cancer

Caring for the patient and their family

Dealing with cancer, for both the patient and their family, is very distressing. It is vital to our charity that we add as much comfort for our Cancer patients as possible; encompassing the well-being of patients and families.

There is more information on our appeals, and how you can get involved, available on our website: www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity

Will fortnight raises over £20,000

The 2018 Will Fortnight was the most successful campaign to date bringing in over £6,000 in donations. This brings the total from the past five years to over £20,000.

For two weeks, each October, Waldrons Solicitors write Wills for DGNHS Charity supporters free of charge. In exchange, the Will-makers are asked to make a donation to our charity. The campaign also highlights the need for everyone to have a Will.

"Most estimates are that around half of all adults in the UK don't have a Will which in turn could leave the law in control of their property and possessions. It may also mean that loved ones could be left with nothing." said Dawn Cash, an expert in Wills at Waldrons.

"The problem is that making a Will is a subject seldom spoken about



Dawn Cash and Stacey Walker (Centre) pay a visit to Russells Hall Hospital to see the positive results that the money they help to raise has made. They spent some time in the Day Surgery Unit where the charity has made substantial improvements to our patients experience.

because it means talking about death. While no-one can control when the inevitable happens, everyone can maintain control of what happens to their possessions when it does. "We hope this move, as well as raising the importance of Wills, can support a charity that does so much good in the region." she said.

"Due to more complex family structures than in generations gone by and the rise of DIY Wills, a professionally drafted Will is more needed than ever. "Many cheap wills purchased via the internet could be defective, causing court battles and huge financial loss for many family members." Dawn concluded.

Full details are on our website: www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity

Trust staff bringing daylight into a windowless room

Our staff are fundraising for special LED sky ceiling panels to be installed in some of our side rooms. They give the impression of looking outdoors. We believe this is an important, yet simple, change to the environment, which will make such a difference to our patients experience at such an important time.



So far we have raised £2,000 but we still have a way to go with our fundraising, so please show your support for this worthy cause and make a donation.



Whatever level you wish to get involved - you will make a difference.

All the Trust charities come under the umbrella of the DGNHS Charity and while raising money for our charity you can choose where your money will go.

We can keep you informed of what is needed for our patients and help you decide how you can get involved. You can raise money for a particular area of care or you can spread your donation over a variety of causes.

We can ensure your donation goes where you want it to go.

Contact: karen.phillips5@nhs.net



Baby Bereavement Suite Appeal reaches £50,000!

About our Charity

The Dudley Group NHS Charity makes a real difference to those being treated in our hospitals or in their own homes.

We are not about providing healthcare; charitable donations enable us to provide comfort and facilities above and beyond those which are provided by the NHS.

Enhancing a person's visit to us can make all the difference to their wellbeing, improving recovery and overall experience.

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Our wonderful supporters have raised an amazing £50,000 for improvements to our Baby Bereavement Suite at Russells Hall Hospital.

Offering the right support to someone who is going through such a devastating time is extremely important to us.

We are in the process of improving our bereavement room by providing small home comforts such as a double bed to enable parents to stay overnight. We would also like to install some soundproofing.

We would like to offer more staff specialist training to ensure that our families receive the right type of support.

The appeal will enable us to:

- Improve the environment in which families spend time adjusting to the death of their baby;
- Give more of our staff specialist training to enable them to sensitively support bereaved parents, and their varying needs, in the best way possible;
- Provide keepsakes to enable the family to build some precious memories.

After the death of a baby, many parents like to have keepsakes and photographs. This is a very personal decision and we would like each family to receive the resources needed to create these precious keepsakes.



Fundraisers Hannah and Quinn Swancott are pictured with staff in the bereavement suite.



There is more information on the Baby Bereavement Suite Appeal, and how you can make a donation, available on our website: www.dudleygroup.nhs.uk/our-charity

Donate: www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/dghc/babybereavement

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