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League of Friends funds Neo-natal Video Laryngoscope System

Colchester League of Hospital Friends recently provided over £10,500.00 funding for a neo-natal video laryngoscope system for use on the neo-natal unit at Colchester General Hospital.

Dr. Jonathan Campbell, Consultant Paediatrician, explained the importance of the equipment as follows:

“The video laryngoscope system is a piece of medical equipment which is used to intubate babies - this is when a tube is put, under anaesthetic, into the baby’s windpipe to allow them to be put onto a ventilator. On occasion it is necessary to intubate extremely premature babies weighing down to 500g, to stabilise them following delivery. At that age and size the trachea is a matter of a few millimetres in diameter. This process can obviously be difficult. Around one baby per week is intubated on the neo-natal unit at Colchester.

The video laryngoscope allows the view to be magnified, and also for other people to see the view on the video screen. It is in standard use in adult anaesthesia and ITU.

This piece of equipment has advantages in the following areas:

SAFETY: it makes the view easier, and the process less difficult, and allows other team members to visualise the anatomy at the same time as the operator, allowing second opinions to happen in real time.

TRAINING: a junior member of staff



Pictured: Advanced Neonatal Practitioner Pamela Marsh and Deputy Sister Almudena Castillo Ocana demonstrate the neo-natal video laryngoscope using a mannequin

can witness the procedure being performed by an experienced operator, then when the time comes for them to undertake the procedure, they can be supervised more directly, and given guidance during the procedure.

EASE: the view is magnified, making the procedure easier for all concerned.”

Darren Lawrence, Children’s and Outpatients General Manager expressed gratitude to the League of Friends for the funding of this equipment saying “The purchase of this system will ensure that neo-natal babies are provided with the best diagnostic care and treatment, giving greater assurance to parents at a critical time following their birth. In addition, this will also give greater confidence to clinicians when treating very small and vulnerable babies.”



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to raise funds for Colchester League of Friends at no extra cost
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Dates for your Diary

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Can you help?

Saturday 24th November 2018

East of England Co-Op

Peartree Road

Colchester

Please call the office on

01206 752899 if you can help.



Christmas Stall 2018



The League of Friends will be holding a Christmas gift stall at Colchester General Hospital.

Come and get your cards, gifts and goodies

Friday 30th November

and

Friday 7th December

9am-4pm

Main Corridor—Colchester General
Hospital

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Working in the voluntary sector within the NHS means that you can qualify for discounts on many items. Visit the website below to sign up and start saving:

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Communication is key

The League of Friends has recently funded some communication bags to help patients on the wards at Colchester General who have trouble communicating their wants and needs.

The communication bags are being used primarily on the Stroke Unit as patients are often left with communication impairments following a Stroke, but bags have also been supplied for use on some of the other wards in the hospital. The bags contain items such as a clipboard, paper, alphabet chart, pens, yes & no chart and a picture chart. The bags were launched on AHP (Allied Health Professionals) day—15th October, when allied health professionals raised awareness of their various professions including speech and language therapy.

Pictured: Joanna Zemke - Speech therapist, Maria Miranda-Rivera – Speech Therapist, Lucy Clifton – Associate Practitioner Speech & Language Therapy, Laura Platt – Speech Therapist, Karen Latham – Speech Therapist



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