



The Hospital
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Charity Newsletter



Helping Your Hospice Since 1873

£2.25 Million Donated in 2024

In donations and grants to medical charities for care and research, hospices and hospitals across the UK, Malta and Republic of Ireland. Assistance will also be given to individuals whose illness or disability has caused financial difficulties.

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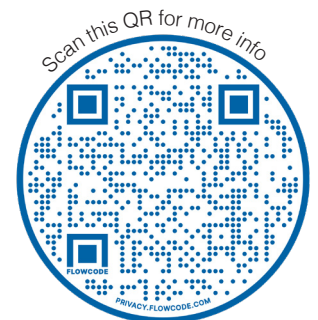
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Hope House Children's Hospices

Hope House is named after baby Hope Peachey, who died at the age of ten months. Hope was the third child of Caroline and Roger Peachey, before Hope's passing, their daughter Fiona had also died. The family received support from Acorns Children's Hospice in Birmingham and learned first-hand how crucial assistance from a children's hospice is for families caring for seriously ill children.

Last year, the Hospice provided 2778 nights of respite care, 333 nights of crisis care, and supported 56 children and families through end-of-life care.

Some children in their care have especially complex medical or movement needs requiring additional support and equipment to ensure they remain safe and comfortable during their stay at the hospice.

The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded £8,735 towards a new specialist bed for Hope House Children's Hospices, with high, padded sides to protect children from injuries while they are sleeping.



To find out more visit their website: www.hopehouse.org.uk



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Heart of Kent Hospice

The Heart of Kent Hospice began its journey as the Wising Well Trust, inspired by the local community's desire to provide compassionate care for terminally ill patients. The community came together to raise funds by purchasing virtual bricks, which ultimately helped build the hospice. By 1991, the Heart of Kent Hospice was complete, and in 1992, it was officially opened by the late Diana, Princess of Wales, with support from the late Lady Monckton.

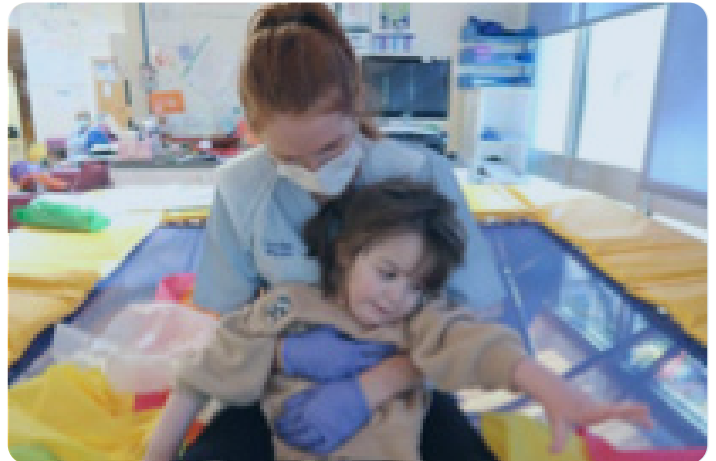
In 2015, the hospice became the first in the UK to establish a dedicated dementia service. Patients can be referred by their GP to receive specialist, personalized dementia care — ranging from patient and family support to palliative and end-of-life care. Tragically, dementia remains the leading cause of death in the UK, with nearly one million people currently living with the condition. Recently, the Heart of Kent Hospice received a £10,000 grant to support its Dementia Services, helping them continue their invaluable work in supporting the local community.

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice provides babies from Coventry and the West Midlands with respite, palliative, and end of life care.

The babies and children who come to the hospice, have a range of complex conditions. Many of the babies require intervention from a range of healthcare professionals, including physiotherapists. The physiotherapy service at the hospice provides babies and children with expert care that they struggle to access outside of clinical settings.

Last year 44 children accessed the physiotherapy service, benefiting not only the babies and children, but also their families. The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded £4,800 towards the physiotherapy services, ensuring essential support.



To find out more visit: www.zoes-place.org.uk



Earl Mountbatten Hospice



To find out more visit: www.mountbatten.org.uk

Established in 1982, Earl Mountbatten Hospice is the sole provider of end-of-life healthcare for children, young people, and adults on the Isle of Wight, serving a community of over 140,000 people. Their mission is to deliver exceptional care and support to those living with, affected by, or seeking guidance on death, dying, and bereavement across the Island.

The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded the Hospice £4,658 towards the purchase of syringe drivers and two suction machines. With this grant they will continue to strive to ensure patients, and their families have access to skilled, compassionate, and sensitive care in a place of their choice across the Isle of Wight. It will help prevent and alleviate painful pressure ulcers caused by limited mobility, assist people in breathing comfortably with the use of a suction machine, and enable the effective delivery of medications to manage pain and symptoms. This will significantly improve their quality of life and ensure a more comfortable and dignified final stage with their families.

Strathcarron Hospice

Strathcarron Hospice, was founded in 1981 and supports over 1,800 individuals each year who are living with or dying from life-limiting illnesses.

Their specialist care is provided in patients' homes, within communities, and at their 24-bed In-Patient Unit. They offer bereavement support to both children and adults who have lost loved ones. With a dedicated team of 200 staff and the help of 700 committed volunteers.

The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded £4,000 towards the Quality End of Life Care for All (QELCA) Training Programme. The QELCA training programme is a highly reflective course where small groups of health and social care staff attend a five-day experience at the Hospice. After the course, participants attend monthly action learning sets over a six-month period. These provide a forum for participants to discuss and reflect on what they have learned as well as changes they are making to practices within their own workplaces.



To find out more visit: www.strathcarronhospice.net



Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice is a registered Scottish charity offering free palliative care and support to individuals in South Glasgow and East Renfrewshire.

They provide essential palliative and end-of-life care at no cost to patients, their families, and carers. It was the vision of the late Dr. Anne Gilmore OBE. A Glasgow-based GP, Dr. Gilmore studied medicine at the University of Glasgow. Inspired by the care practices she observed abroad for terminally ill patients, Dr. Gilmore conceived the idea of establishing a modern hospice in Glasgow.

The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded £4,000 towards running costs for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. With this funding the hospice is able to continue to provide vital care for people diagnosed with life-limiting, life-shortening illnesses or life-threatening conditions, such as cancer, heart failure, lung disease or neurological conditions. The hospice provides services that are designed to improve people's physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being.

To find out more visit:
www.princeandprincessofwaleshospice.org.uk



The Prince & Princess
of Wales Hospice

Pilgrims Hospices

Pilgrims Hospices help people who are facing a terminal diagnosis, along with their families, to live well in every moment. They began 35 years ago, sparked by the vision of one village nurse, Ann Robertson. Ann was driven by a deep desire to make a difference for those in her community facing terminal illness, and that passion laid the foundation for Pilgrims Hospices.

Today, Pilgrims Hospices have grown to a team of over 200 nurses and therapists. They have 12 inpatient beds at all three sites and offer short stay admissions for pain management and symptom control, as well as providing end-of-life care for someone in the last few days of their life.

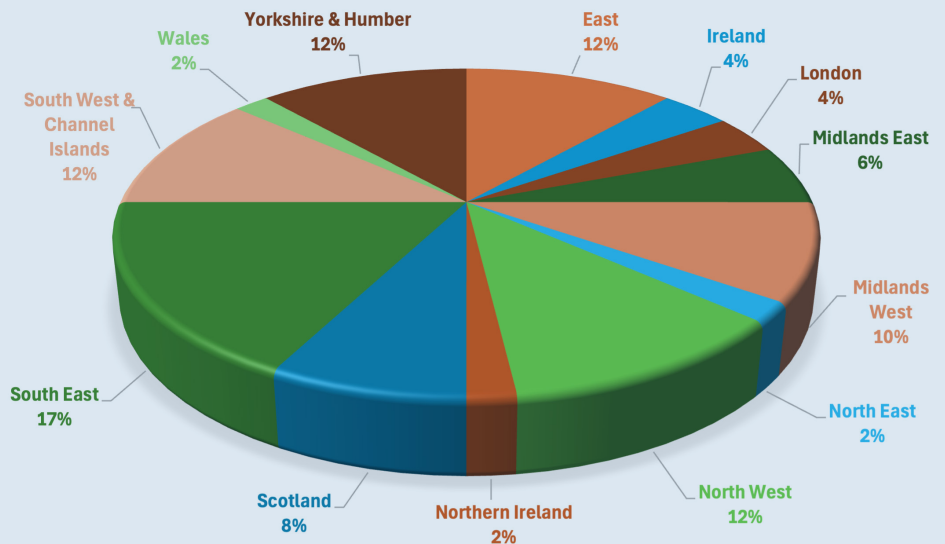
A grant of £2,000 from The Hospital Saturday Fund covered 80 hours of specialist nursing care in one of their inpatient units. The inpatient units provide care that cannot be provided at home. Round-the-clock care ensures patients can receive support when and where they need it and that their loved ones feel supported too.



To find out more visit their website: www.pilgrimshospices.org



2024 Approved Hospice Grants



Since January 2024 The Hospital Saturday Fund has awarded 77 grants to Hospices in the UK and ROI. These grants were between £1,000 and £10,000, and the total amount awarded was over £198,000. The grants have had a significant impact on the Hospices and the lives of the patients they care for and their families.

Other Projects Funded by HSF

St Clare Hospice - Specialist Hospice Companion or Embrace Bed

Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care - Cuddle Bed for the In-Patient Unit

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity - 2 Pressure Relief Mattresses for In-Patient Unit

Primrose Hospice - Clinical and mental wellbeing to terminally ill patients

Hospice UK - Specialist education and learning opportunities for hospices professionals

Shooting Star Children's Hospices - Vital respite stays

St Nicholas Hospice Care - New syringe drivers for In-Patient Unit

Oakhaven Hospice - Nurse/Volunteer Wellbeing Hub

St Luke's Hospice - Ceiling hoist for the In-Patient Centre

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice - Music Therapy Services

About Us

The Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF) is a UK charity that was founded in 1873 by pioneers in social and philanthropic work to help people afford medical care. In recent times, the Fund has 'tailored' its benefits and these are now offered through HSF Health Plan, one of the leading health cash plans in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Profits from the trading company, HSF Health Plan, are channelled into the 'parent' charity, The Hospital Saturday Fund, to enable charity donations to be made. In 2024 The Hospital Saturday Fund will give £2.25 million in donations and grants to medical charities, hospices and hospitals across the UK, Republic of Ireland and Malta. Assistance will also be given to individuals whose illness or disability has caused financial difficulties.

Meet The Charity Team

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Grant Information

Who can apply:

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- Registered medical health charities which are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or in support of medical training within the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Malta and Republic of Ireland;
- Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment.

For how to apply see The Hospital Saturday Fund's website for criteria and link to the online application form:

www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org

Applications for Organisations:

GMC 21 January 2025

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 –
deadline 3 January 2025

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 –
deadline 2 December 2024

GMC 7 May 2025

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 –
deadline 9 April 2025

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 –
deadline 12 March 2025

GMC 5 August 2025

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 –
deadline 9 July 2025

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 –
deadline 11 June 2025

GMC 11 November 2025

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 –
deadline 14 October 2025

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 –
deadline 16 September 2025

GMC January 2026 (all dates for 2026 meetings TBC December 2025)

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 –
deadline 5 January 2026

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 –
deadline 2 December 2025