

# At the heart of our community

# What is the purpose of the Friends of Teddington Memorial Hospital?

The Friends is an essential part of the community supporting the staff and patients of Teddington Memorial Hospital, by enabling and enhancing the quality and quality of the provision of medical services, facilities, and general improvements above the NHS-funded baseline, ensuring the long-term future of the hospital.

## Our fundraising

The Friends has an excellent history of raising funds, with over £8 million raised to date from its formal inception in 1954. This has enabled the completion of major improvement projects at Teddington Memorial Hospital which have greatly benefitted patients, staff, and the community.

# Recent projects for Teddington Memorial Hospital

#### **Pioneering Partnership with GPs**

From 2014 to 2018 the Friends raised over £2million and launched a pioneering partnership with GP practices in the Borough to enhance Out of Hours Service. Patients get the care need from home and avoid overcrowded A&E departments by speaking to or being seen by a Teddington Memorial Hospital doctor.

#### **High Tech Imaging Equipment**

The Friends funded new High Tech Imaging Equipment (X-ray Machine) at a cost of £366,523.09. This vital state of the art equipment significantly enhanced the type of treatment that patients receive.



The paediatric audiology opening ceremony with local MP Munira Wilson, HRCH Chief Executive Jo Farrar, Paediatric Audiology Clinical Service Manager Naomi Elliot, and TMH League of Friends Chairman Reverend Simon Douglas Lane.

# **Upgrade of Urgent Treatment Centre Reception**

In 2018/19 via £168,000 of donations, the Friends funded a complete redesign of the UTC Reception Area. These upgrades have made an enormous difference to patient experience, with improved confidentiality at the reception desk and more comfortable seating.

## Meals for hard-pressed NHS staff

During the pandemic, the Friends funded and coordinated **5619 excellent quality meals** for local NHS staff when teams were working so hard to care for patients. Food was kindly provided by local restaurants and cafes.

## Paediatric audiology transformation

Our most recent project is £67,000 of funding for the transformation of paediatric audiology provision. The audiology service screens children early on in life to identify hearing difficulties. 800 more local children a year will now be screened and quickly get the care they need.

"This is a fantastic extension to the Richmond audiology service and means we can help about 800 more children a year get the support they need close to home. We are extremely grateful for the continuing support we receive from the League of Friends, who made this possible."

JO FARRAR, HRCH CEO



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