



Lymington Hospital Friends

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Dear Friends

"To enable the hospital to deal with the pandemic and winter pressures, strict COVID security continues to control access to the hospital, thus currently preventing return to normal volunteering services.

*Our number one priority is to raise further additional funds to support **Cardiac Care**.*

*We are asking you to support our **[Patient Care Appeal](#)**."*

LHF Trustees

Patient Care Appeal

Help us to provide new ECHOCARDIOGRAM equipment at Lymington



CARDIAC CARE

One of the key areas we are working on to enhance patient care is to help the hospital to purchase two new Echocardiogram machines.

These specialist ultrasound scanners will be used across the hospital to diagnose and monitor heart conditions.

We need your help to boost fundraising for both a static and mobile unit.

The mobile unit enables tests to be carried out at the bedside, without moving the patient to the imaging suite ... **providing 'on the spot' urgent diagnoses.**

[Please click here to donate online - "thank you"](#).



Ask your friends to be OUR Friends!

Help build our community of friends to support the work of our great local hospital. Please share this newsletter and link to

[Join our Friends](#).

Fundraising promise

We set out a new **[Fundraising Promise](#)** and signed up to the national **Code of Fundraising Practice** to always follow best practice and to be completely open and transparent about our fundraising and spending.

What's going on?

Lymington Hospital is extremely busy, balancing the demands of COVID patients, coping with winter illnesses and scheduling routine treatment. We continue to support UHS Southampton Hospital by taking COVID patients sent to UHS for emergency care, and now returned for recovery.

Due to essential COVID security regulations, hospital access and visiting are tightly controlled with no opportunity yet for the return of the LHF volunteering teams. Patients are directed to their clinics by NHS support staff and the majority of front line workers have now been vaccinated. Eight army personnel have been drafted in to provide temporary support.

There is no demand yet to reopen our café and shop facilities and we supply daily papers (free to inpatients) to replace our ward paper round. We continue to operate an active virtual office for fundraising.

LHF trustees have regular meetings with hospital managers to develop campaigns for future donations and review our plans for returning as soon as it is safe and practical to resume active hospital volunteering.

