



Supporting Milton Keynes Hospital Charity

Firstly, we'd like to once again say thank you to everyone who has given such incredible support to Milton Keynes University Hospital this year. Together you've donated funds, mobile phones, tablets, PPE, pens, toiletries, snacks, drinks as well as your time – and we really are grateful for your support.

Volunteering

As with so many other things, Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on our volunteering opportunities with the majority of our events and community activity being cancelled or postponed. We are working on our plans for 2021 and we hope that we will be able to see many of you again soon! If you are thinking of volunteering for us please email fundraising@mkuh.nhs.uk to register your interest.

How you can help now

We're still discouraging anyone from visiting our hospital for non-urgent appointments, which includes coming onto site to donate goods or items. Right now, the most effective way to support the hospital is via our COVID19 appeal, or by making a donation to a ward or department of your choice. This means we can respond quickly to what patients and staff need, sometimes in a matter of hours, and allocate to where the need is greatest.

We've already spent funds on a staff wellbeing area, care packs for staff, fridges for staff to store fresh meals and 80 mobile phones to enable vital parent/family/staff contact. You've helped us make this difference, so thank you. And we don't just want our support to stop there. We know that once the pandemic is over, hospital staff will still need our support dealing with the long-term impact of Covid19. We want to be there for them – and can be with your help. With all this in mind, making a donation is the safest and most effective way to give and support our NHS staff and patients whilst staying at home. For more information you can visit www.mkhcharity.org.uk.

Give someone in hospital a gift this Christmas

Covid-19 has certainly changed a lot of things this year, and Christmas here at Milton Keynes University Hospital will be no exception, **with all toy and gift drops on hold for 2020**. We recognise that this will be disappointing news but know that the local community will understand that the safety of our patients, as well as our amazing staff, is absolutely paramount.

This year we have created a new virtual way to give a gift to patients in hospital this Christmas, as well as staff, by setting up an Amazon wish-list. This allows people to continue to give if they wish!

It's really quick and easy to give a gift, simply visit <https://amzn.to/3oNSKI1> to pick an item from our Christmas wish-list.

People can also make a donation to the ward or department of their choice by visiting www.mkhcharity.org.uk.

This will help to ensure that donations will help make a difference to the patients who need it most this Christmas.

Food deliveries

We're only accepting donations from suppliers/businesses, stores/supermarkets, organisations, professional caterers or restaurants as we are encouraging individuals to stay at home and stay safe. If your business would like to make an offer of food, please contact the charity team in the first instance – fundraising@mkuh.nhs.uk. Please don't come to the hospital site without arranging delivery or drop off with our team first.

Handmade Items

Thank you to everyone who supported us earlier this year by making headbands, scrubs and scrub bags. Thanks to your generosity we now have all the supplies we need. If you would like to use your crafting skills in another way please email our charity team on fundraising@mkuh.nhs.uk to discuss.