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N-ice donation

A new ice machine costing a cool £2,600 is helping to improve treatment for orthopaedic patients at South Tyneside District Hospital.

It was bought with a donation from the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals at the request of ward manager Rachel Thompson.

Miss Thompson said: "We are extremely grateful to the League of Friends. It may sound a lot of money for an ice machine but it is worth every penny. We now have ice literally on tap and we are delighted.

"We use ice for our patients with fractures, and for post-operative patients, to reduce swelling, enabling them to be operated on sooner and, afterwards, to become mobile more quickly. Before, staff had to go and get the ice from elsewhere in the hospital so the new machine has enabled us to free up more time for essential care."

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Pictured above: The photograph shows League of Friends' Chair Maureen Young, left, and Treasurer Sue Goddard, right, with staff nurse Elizabeth Amans and occupational therapist Kayleigh Smith and the ice machine

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