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## School meals staff served up a treat for a local hospital

The team, including cooks and meal supervisors, from St Oswald's Church of England Primary School, Hebburn, presented Primrose Hill Hospital in Jarrow, which looks after elderly patients, with a donation of £320, made up of 20p coins which they had collected.

Grandmother Viv Pascoe, of Jarrow, who has worked at the school as a meals supervisor for almost 20 years, said: "Our team has a tradition of raising money going back more than 10 years. It started when we had a slimming group and anyone who put on weight would put money in the charity box. Whilst we no longer have the group, we've carried on saving 20p coins and it's amazing how they mount up. In the past, we've given money to St Clare's Hospice in Jarrow. This time, we decided we'd keep our donation local but give it to Primrose Hill Hospital, which also serves the community in which we work."

Ward Manager Lynn Jones said: "We really appreciate the kind gesture by the school meals staff. The money will go towards the cost of a device which enables the bed to be tilted in different positions at regular intervals, gently moving the patient to help prevent pressure ulcers." **ends**

*Pictured above: The photograph shows show Primrose Hill Hospital ward manager Lynn Jones and St Oswald's Church of England Primary School meals supervisor Viv Pascoe, front, with staff nurse Anne Anthony and other members of the school's meals team with a giant 20p coin*

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