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Friends' warm-hearted donation for patients

A £750 donation from the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals has been very warmly welcomed by patients.

The Radiology department at South Tyneside District Hospital used the money to buy some gel warmers. The use of gel is essential to the ultrasound process as it transmits the soundwaves from the probe to the skin. Previously, the bottles were warmed using warm water.

Advanced practitioner sonographer Jayne Richardson explained: "This was fine for the first couple of patients on our scan lists but the gel soon cooled down. Many patients commented on how cool the gel was when we squirted it on their skin. We are thrilled to now be able to offer warm gel to all our patients and they really seem to appreciate it." **ends**

Pictured above: The photograph shows advanced practitioner sonographer Jayne Richardson with League of Friends' representatives, left to right, secretary Dorothy Rogers with one of the gel warmers, chairwoman Maureen Young and membership secretary Margaret Shields

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