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Thanks, Friends

The generosity of the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals has helped to improve care for respiratory patients at South Tyneside District Hospital.

Their donation of almost £7,500 enabled Ward 10 to buy their own bladder scanner. Ward Manager Emma Gray said: "The new scanner has had a huge impact on our patients. Checking bladder function is an extremely important part of treatment and the scanner prevents the need for invasive monitoring. Having one available on the ward, which staff have been fully trained to use, is fantastic as it means we don't have to locate elsewhere, which was time-consuming, particularly as patients could be in discomfort. Now, they don't have to wait as it is always available.

"We are extremely grateful to the League of Friends for this donation, which has dramatically improved our patients' experience."

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Pictured above: Ward manager Emma Gray, centre, with the bladder scanner, with staff nurses Terri Allen, Natalie Dunn and Claire Gilmour and League of Friends' chairman Maureen Young, second from the right, and volunteers Freda Tompsett, third from the left, and Adrienne Dibble, third from the right

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