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## Friends' vital gift

Vital equipment provided through the generosity of the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals is helping to improve patient care at South Tyneside District Hospital.

At the request of Ward 1, the Friends donated £5,000 to buy three, new vital signs monitors. Ward Manager Carolayne Laverick said: "We use the monitors regularly with our patients, who have gastrointestinal and liver conditions, to check such things as their blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen. Previously, we only had two of the monitors so we are delighted to have more than doubled that number, which has allowed us to enhance patient care by enabling us to provide patients with more effective and timely treatment."

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*Pictured above: League of Friends' member Audrey Batchelor, left, chairman Maureen Young, third from left, and treasurer Sue Goddard, far right, with ward manager Carolayne Laverick, auxiliary nurse Maria Dolphin and deputy ward manager Roisin Burdis*

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