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Gift is great news for patients and staff

A new, £3,000 machine is being used to help patients at South Tyneside District Hospital to recover from knee surgery.

The CPM - continuous passive motion - device, which is used to gently flex and extend the knee joint, was provided through the generosity of the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals.

Ruth Freeman, Senior Physiotherapist, Trauma and Orthopaedics, said: "This is a vital piece of equipment for patients who have had surgery on or around the knee and who are struggling to bend it. We had two machines which both broke down last year and proved beyond repair. The replacement is much more modern and compliant with our infection control policies. The Orthopaedic Consultants are delighted that we have been gifted the new machine and it is in continuous use."

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Pictured above: League of Friends' Chairman Maureen Young, left, and members Betty Pippin and Jill Wilson, with senior physiotherapist Sarah Wiseman and the new £3,000 machine

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