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## Sitting comfortably

Patients having blood tests at South Tyneside District Hospital are now sitting very comfortably, following the donation of three special chairs for the phlebotomy department.

Phlebotomy manager Kim Dailly said: "We are so grateful to the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals for funding the purchase of three phlebotomy chairs at a cost of almost £2,000. They have adjustable arm rests and offer the option for the patient of lying down if they are nervous or feeling faint. Having a blood test can be a stressful procedure but we've had very positive feedback about the new chairs, with patients visiting the department commenting on how comfortable they are and how relaxed they make them feel."

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*Pictured above: Ann Thompson, seated in one of the new phlebotomy chairs, and Vi Smith, right, of the League of Friends, with phlebotomists Leanne Wilson and Julie Robinson*

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