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Growing family of monitors for antenatal service

New blood pressure machines are improving the antenatal service for South Tyneside mums-to-be.

Two monitors, costing a total of £3,300, were bought for the antenatal assessment suite at South Tyneside District Hospital with a donation from the League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals.

Deb Wood, Safe Care Lead for Antenatal Assessment Services, said: "We're immensely grateful to the League of Friends for the new machines. Previously, we had two blood pressure monitors and now that we have four, this has reduced the wait for patients who are undergoing blood pressure monitoring.

"The new monitors are more sophisticated, combining the functions of three different pieces of equipment which monitor vital signs into just one, which is easier for staff to manage and means less clutter in the consultation rooms. The machines also have a memory to store the patient's blood pressure information, which we can access at any time in order to compare the readings."

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Pictured above: Antenatal assessment suite staff with League of Friends representatives Dorothy Rogers, Sue Goddard and Maureen Young

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