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Overwhelmed by wheelchair generosity

A charitable donation of £12,500 from The League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals has provided 20 new wheelchairs.

The chairs are available to porters and carers to move patients around South Tyneside District Hospital and are in addition to the 13 which the League funded in 2014.

Medical devices co-ordinator Clare Williams said: "The generosity of The League of Friends has enabled us to replenish our wheelchair stock, which was dwindling due to the age and poor condition of some of the chairs. A wheelchair shortage can impact on our ability to transfer patients between various departments for treatment and appointments in a timely manner. The gift of the new chairs will improve patient experience and will help to ensure the smooth running of services."

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Pictured above: South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust staff and members of The League of Friends with some of the new wheelchairs

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