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## New tables are so handy

A donation of more than £7,000 from The League of Friends of South Tyneside Hospitals has been used to buy 'overbed' tables for older patients at South Tyneside District Hospital.

The tables are used at mealtimes and also to keep items such as newspapers, drinks and tissues close to hand.

Ward manager Ann Callaghan said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to The League of Friends, The new tables are easier to manoeuvre, especially for our frail, elderly patients, and they are also much easier to keep clean, which is important for infection prevention and control."

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*Pictured above: South Tyneside District Hospital Sisters Julie Woodhouse, left, and Sam Nicholson with patient Margaret Benjamin at one of the new tables and, left to right, Maureen Young, Jill Wilson, Sue Goddard and Mary Peterson, of The League of Friends*

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