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For they are trolley good fellows

A £12,000 donation from the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) is improving patient care at South Tyneside District Hospital.

The money from the Accident & Emergency tea bar volunteers was used to buy some new trolleys to transfer patients between areas in the hospital, for example, when they need diagnostic tests in Radiology and Cardiology. The trolleys, which can be easily manoeuvred, reduce the need for portering staff to transfer patients in their beds.

Steve Jamieson, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Director of Corporate Services and Estates, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to the RVS for their generosity. The new trolleys have improved the way in which we move our patients around the hospital in a timely manner."

Paul Taylor, Head of Support and Development with RVS, said "Our volunteers work tirelessly to generate as much funding as possible for the hospital and its patients, staff and visitors. We are delighted to see monies raised being used in such a worthwhile way to support this valuable resource."

RVS is one of the largest volunteer organisations in the country. Its 35,000 volunteers help older people to stay active and independent with practical and emotional support at home and in hospitals.

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Pictured above: RVS volunteer service manager Ethel Ramsey tries out one of the new trolleys, watched by RVS volunteers and operational manager for the North East Roz Tinlin (first right, back row), South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's medical devices co-ordinator Clare Williams (first left) and portering supervisor Lee Maddox (extreme right)

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