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Dear Dan

Firstly can I thank you and your contacts for their help and support by way of the ipads and tablets for the staff to use with the patients who are unable to see their families etc. at this difficult time.

As a charity we work within the four hospitals to support in a variety of ways – from cutting edge state of the art equipment, additional research and of course items that support patients during their stay and the staff that look after them. I have to stress that the items that we fund are over and above items that the NHS provide, we are not a replacement but an additional resource.

With Covid-19 our efforts are being channelled into the last two areas detailed above – supporting patients and supporting staff and we are doing that in a variety of ways.

We are using donations to provide comfort packs for staff working long shifts, especially those who are staying in emergency accommodation away from their own homes and families.

Items such as hand cream, moisturiser, body wash, shampoo, conditioner and then coffee, tea, snacks, meals (sometimes canteen food is not what you want during or after a long shift). With over 20,000 staff that's a LOT of products that we need.

Then there are some other items that we are looking to fund – recliner chairs for the staff rooms, commercial quality microwaves, kettles etc – not all of our staff rooms have these and we are receiving many requests for them.

We are also looking, as you know, to provide more tablets/ipads to the wards so that patients (and staff who aren't going home) can speak with their loved ones. As we have the four hospitals that there are approximately 150 wards throughout them it would be amazing to have at least one on each ward.

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Also we now have the hospital at the NEC where we will be supporting staff who are working there in the coming months. Whilst we do not at the present time have details of what the “ask” is from the teams over there we can assume that it will be the same types of items that we are currently funding within the other hospitals.

If you are able to assist either with donations of items or monetary donations so that we can source various goods we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your support to date.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justine', written in a cursive style.

Justine Davy  
Head of Fundraising .