

East Kent Hospitals Charity

FESTIVE UPDATE

Make a Difference This Christmas

Christmas is a time for family, comfort and being together. But for many patients across East Kent, Christmas will be spent in hospital, away from the people and familiar surroundings they love.

With your support, we can make those difficult days a little brighter.
Last Christmas, the generosity of our supporters helped fund festive activities, comfort items and thoughtful extras for patients in hospital - bringing moments of joy, reassurance and distraction when they were needed most.

This Christmas, we need your help to do it again. Help us raise £30,000 by Christmas Eve.

Your donation could help fund the extras that go beyond NHS provision. From activities and items that bring comfort and improve wellbeing, to specialist equipment that can make a real difference to patients, families and staff across East Kent hospitals. Every gift, whatever its size, can help our hospitals go further this Christmas.

Your Christmas gift could help make possible...

£10

Could buy a special Christmas gift for a child spending the festive season in hospital.

£25

Could provide therapeutic activities for patients living with dementia, during Christmas in hospital.

£100

Could help fund a Christmas Day celebration for patients and staff, bringing comfort and joy to the hospital ward.



"I wanted to do something for the place that saved my life."

Paul Cozens,
Charity Supporter

Give a gift that makes a difference this Christmas...

DONATE

www.ekhcharity.org.uk

THANKS TO YOU IN 2026

£817,000 helped fund improvements across East Kent Hospitals



Behind that number are patients receiving better care, families being supported through some of their hardest moments and hospital teams able to do even more for the people they look after.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to fund projects and improvements that go beyond what the NHS can provide.

Here are just some of the ways you helped make a difference this year.

£120,000
Transforming renal care across East Kent
Helping to enhance care and treatment for patients living with kidney disease.

£29,000
Creating comfort and dignity at the end of life
Helping patients and their loved ones spend precious time together in greater comfort.

£2,000
Restoring confidence after cancer
Supporting specialist treatment that can help women regain confidence following breast cancer surgery.

£85,000
Supporting families through pregnancy loss
Providing compassionate support and improved environments for families experiencing unimaginable loss.

£10,500
Making hospital less daunting for children
Creating positive experiences and providing welcome distractions for young patients during their time in hospital.

> *"I'm so grateful to the charity for everything they have done."*
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> **Roisin Morrison, Patient**

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

Every donation, fundraiser, lottery entry and gift has played a part. Thank you for helping our hospitals go further for patients and families across East Kent.

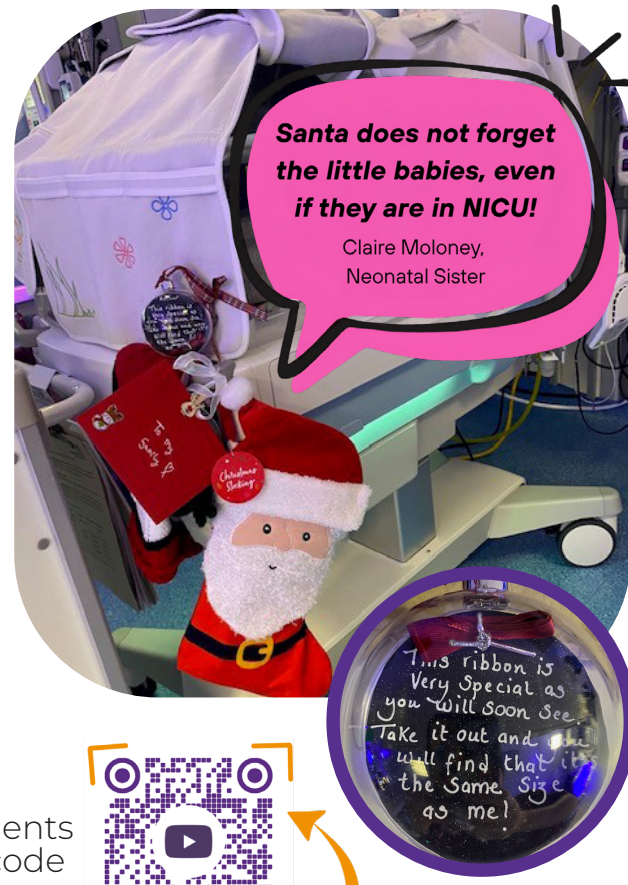


CHRISTMAS MAGIC ON NICU

Thanks to a grant from East Kent Hospitals Charity, babies spending their first Christmas on the Neonatal Unit received a special Christmas stocking filled with gifts for them and their families, including thoughtful treats and gifts for siblings to help make Christmas feel special for the whole family.

The funding also provided festive refreshments for families to enjoy over Christmas and New Year, bringing moments of joy during what can be a challenging time. As an extra keepsake, each stocking included a Christmas bauble containing a ribbon cut to the length of the baby, giving parents a precious reminder of just how tiny they were on their first Christmas.

This small project made a big difference, helping families create special memories and bringing comfort,
normality and festive cheer to Christmas in hospital.



Discover how your support is helping our smallest patients and their families through the short video via the QR code or visit: www.youtube.com/@EastKentHospitalsCharity

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Your donations make this possible.

WILL YOU HELP OUR HOSPITALS GO FURTHER THIS CHRISTMAS?

Every day, patients and families across East Kent experience moments they never expected - a diagnosis, an emergency, a difficult treatment or a Christmas spent away from home. **Your kindness can make those moments a little easier.**

By donating this Christmas, you can help us fund the thoughtful extras, improved environments and specialist equipment that enhance care and wellbeing across our hospitals.

DONATE

Help us reach our **£30,000** Christmas appeal target and make this festive season brighter for patients, families and staff across East Kent.

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Together, we can make a difference.

Make Your Gift Worth 25% More

If you're a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you.

A £20 donation could become £25!
Visit: ekhcharity.org.uk/gift-aid/

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Making donations go further

£1 + giftaid it = £1 25p

KEEP MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2027



As we look ahead to 2027, we'd love you to continue being part of that journey. Whether you choose to play our lottery, take on a fundraising challenge or support us in another way, you'll be helping your hospitals go further and ensuring we can continue funding projects that make a lasting impact across our communities.

Play Our Lottery



Support your local hospitals from just £1 per entry and you could be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000 every week. Players must be 18+.

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Every entry helps support patients, families and staff across East Kent. **Join in** by scanning the QR code. Or visit: ekhcharirty.org.uk/lottery

Take on a Charity Challenge

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Could 2027 be the year you do something amazing for your local hospitals?

From skydives and marathons to obstacle courses and team challenges, there are plenty of ways to challenge yourself while raising vital funds. **Join Team EKH Charity in 2027 and help your hospitals go further.** Visit: ekhcharity.org.uk/events

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By following and sharing our updates, you're helping us spread the word, celebrate our impact and reach more people who want to support their local hospitals. Every like, comment and share makes a difference.



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