



Newborn Training Manikin Neo Natal Unit, Hope Hospital, Salford

The Neo Natal Unit at Hope Hospital, Salford, is a busy regional centre, accepting premature and very sick babies from hospitals across the North West. The unit has 19 cots in total, nine of which are intensive care, and the remaining 10 High Dependency. The unit can accept babies from as early as 23 weeks, and weighing as little as 450g.

The hospital are constantly striving to improve the level of care available to babies on the unit, and now feel that to train nursing staff in procedures such as taking bloods and performing cannulation would improve the speed and efficiency with which babies were diagnosed and treated.

This not only has practical benefits for the medical care of the baby but also allows a nurse to work holistically with a family, thus building up a good relationship of trust. This relationship is vital in securing the family's support for all levels of care, and ensuring that effective guidance is given before a family takes home a baby after a long stay on the neo-natal unit. The other benefit is that babies are only handled when necessary, thereby reducing stress levels in already stressed sick infants.

The Ward Matron has asked us to help by providing a training Manikin, designed to simulate a pre-term baby. This will allow the hospital to carry out in-house training for all



65 nurses on the unit, and thereby significantly improve the care babies receive. A full training course to bring a nurse up to the level required to carry out these procedures will take several weeks, therefore the unit would only be able to train an average of six nurses each year.

The manikin will cost £433.00, and will be exclusively for use by the Neo-Natal Unit, Hope Hospital, Salford. As a charity if we purchase this item we can negotiate a cheaper price and we do not pay VAT.