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SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER



**MedEquip4Kids**  
The children's health charity 

## APPEAL FOR EQUIPMENT TO CARE FOR INJURED CHILDREN

Following the devastating terror attack on Manchester Arena, MedEquip4Kids launched a special appeal to raise £100,000 to ensure Greater Manchester hospitals are equipped to provide emergency treatment, rehabilitation and long-term care for children and young people in the event of such incidents.



Photo: Lead Consultant Mahu Reddy, Senior Sister Gemma Watkins, Vince Boodeea Vinci Construction UK, Dr Chris Cooper, Ruth Jameson Trustee at MedEquip4Kids and Rio Gyamie Hodder



### Supporters VINCI Construction UK

responded to the appeal at once by donating the proceeds from their golf day, enabling us to provide an AccuVein AV400 vein illumination device for the children's A&E department at Stepping Hill Hospital. The new equipment will make it easier for clinicians to locate children's veins, reducing stress and pain at an already traumatic time.

Dr Chris Cooper, Associate Medical Director for Child and Family Services at Stepping Hill Hospital says: "Having the AccuVein scanner makes it easier to find veins on a patient, which makes inserting a needle easier and less uncomfortable. This is particularly important for children in an emergency situation where time is critical to give life saving intravenous treatment."

The MedEquip4Kids Appeal will be ongoing as we provide further equipment for the hospitals that cared for children after the attack. We're very grateful to Barclays Bank for offering to match fund the money raised by their staff towards the appeal.



# We did it!

## Chair beds provide comfort for families at Royal Preston



Convertible chair beds are now in place for parents to stay overnight with their sick child at Royal Preston Hospital.

Four-year-old Isabelle was born early at 25 weeks and required oxygen support. At 10 months she was diagnosed with epilepsy, meaning she needs to spend a lot of time in hospital for treatment. Isabelle's mum Emma told us how comfortable the chair beds are to sit in and give Isabelle cuddles and reassurance.

With thanks to Morrisons Foundation, Springfields Employees Medical Research & Charity Trust Fund, the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund (Lancashire), Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust, and VINCI Construction UK.

## New scanner enhances care for mums-to-be

MedEquip4Kids has provided a Voluson ultrasound machine for the maternity unit at Royal Albert Edward Infirmary in Wigan.

The scanner is used to carry out liquor volume scans for patients who attend with reduced fetal movements. It is also used to confirm fetal presentation (the position in which the baby is about to be born), and to measure the baby's blood flow to determine its health.

The scanner was funded thanks to a grant from the Zochonis Charitable Trust, as well as the fantastic fundraising efforts of Christine Stout in memory of her baby son Jack.



## AccuVein for Tameside Accident & Emergency

We funded an AccuVein AV400 vein illumination device for the paediatric accident and emergency unit at Tameside General Hospital, which treats around 23,000 children a year. Thank you to Samuel Oldham's Charities for their support.



Staff Nurse Ellen, Sister Amy Gray, Dr Shay, Evelyn Glarvey and Dr Hisham



## Louby Lou puts a smile on Ella's face

Magic Medic Louby Lou is all set to entertain children at the Treehouse Unit in Stepping Hill Hospital for another year thanks to a generous donation from Irwin Mitchell Charities Foundation.

Patient Ella Toole, Louby Lou and play specialist Jeanette Burden received the cheque on the charity's behalf from Roy Beckett of Irwin Mitchell. Ella had been feeling poorly after a recent operation when Louby Lou arrived to distract and entertain her with magic tricks and balloon creations. The change in her was amazing and she was soon smiling again.

# We need your help!

## Support for disabled children in the classroom

We're funding an Acheeva Learning Station for Birches School in West Didsbury, Manchester, a specialist support primary school for children with severe or profound learning difficulties. Many also have physical disabilities which restrict their mobility. The learning station allows pupils to lie straight and work in a supported, balanced posture, giving them relief from sitting in a wheelchair and helping to prevent potential deformities of the spine and hips. The height and angle can be adjusted so the child is at eye level with staff and classmates.



## Football frames for players with cerebral palsy



## Alarms to help children with continence issues

The paediatric continence team at Macclesfield District Hospital sees around 350 children struggling with bladder or bowel continence. A new nurse has joined the team and they would like to take the opportunity to set up an enuresis (bedwetting) alarm service. They would also like to equip the new nurse with a Playmobil bathroom set, which helps children talk about continence using the Playmobil characters. The team also needs more copies of a book called The Potty Journey to lend to parents.

## More support for children's mental health

This year we're continuing our support for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) across the UK by funding much-needed toys, books and games which are not available from limited NHS resources. These will help CAMHS to support the one in ten children and young people with a mental health problem.

MedEquip4Kids  
CAMHS  
project

Chadderton Park Sports Club in Oldham runs a football team for children and young people with cerebral palsy, a condition that affects movement and co-ordination. Some of the team members rely on walking frames, but these aren't usually suited to activities like football, preventing them from playing to their full potential. Specialised football frames are available, but the club has no budget for them. MedEquip4Kids is providing three football frames painted in the club's colours.

*Leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is one of the most wonderful and significant ways you can continue to transform the lives of others beyond your lifetime. These gifts can help us to fund medical equipment for hospitals, giving every child a better chance of recovery. To discuss leaving a legacy to MedEquip4Kids, please call us on 0161 798 1600.*



If you can help us fund any of these projects, visit  
[www.medequip4kids.org.uk](http://www.medequip4kids.org.uk)

# Fundraising news

## Thank you to all our corporate and community partners

- **VINCI Construction UK** for donating the proceeds of their golf day to our MedEquip4Kids Appeal (see front page)
- **High Legh Park Golf Club** who have adopted us as their Charity of the Year
- **The DM Thomas Foundation** for supporting our CAMHS project
- **Irwin Mitchell Charities Foundation** who chose us as Charity of the Year in 2016. The amazing £16,000 raised over the year will support Louby Lou (see inside page) as well as projects at UHSM neo natal unit and the North West and North Wales Paediatric Transport Service.
- **Elizabeth Stones** who raised £700 through selling tickets for the **Rotary Club of Turton's** Duck Race.
- **The 16 teams who took part in the MedEquip4Kids Corporate Golf Day** organised by Alan Tattler at Bramall Park Golf Club. Congratulations to the winning team from Pop Up Products.



**Congratulations!** to Slattery's Chocolatier & Patisserie on their 50th anniversary. John Slattery has supported us generously for many years and recently raised funds through an Easter Raffle.



Thanks to K and K Dance Academy based in Urmston for choosing MedEquip4Kids as their Charity of the Year. So far they have raised £662.16 which is brilliant!

other news!  
[www.medequip4kids.org.uk](http://www.medequip4kids.org.uk)

gets a new look!

The new site is up and running and features an up-to-date design, stories of children in hospitals we've supported, and all the latest information about our projects, activities and events.

MedEquip4Kids has recently moved to new premises in Manchester City Centre. Our new address is:  
MedEquip4Kids, Appeals Office, 90 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2GP

Registered charity number 1102830

Join our team for  
**Step Up September**

**2 September - Yorkshire Three Peaks**

**10 September - SimplyHealth Great North Run**

**16 September - Trafford Centre Abseil**

**More information:**

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