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## Critical Care patients will benefit from £250k investment

The Critical Care Complex (CCC) at the Trust has been given £250,000 from the Government Elective Recovery Fund (ERF) to invest in new and improved patient beds.

These specialist beds will improve patient care and experience for those requiring specialist treatment and monitoring.

Critical Care, often referred to as Intensive Care, is a specialist unit at the hospital which provides treatment and monitoring for people who are very ill and need 24-hour care.

The 13 new patient beds - Eleganza 5 by Linet - provide improved functionalities including lateral tilt, weighing scales, mobi-lift functions, cardiac chair positioning and auto-brake system - all of which enhance patient care and improve staff safety.

In addition, a specialist therapy exercise machine has been provided for the unit which will support patient recovery. The Thera Trainer BEMO 363 therapy device helps to mobilise patients whose mobility is restricted after accidents, operations or general illnesses affecting the musculoskeletal system. This piece of equipment will mean that patients can benefit from earlier rehabilitation.

The specialist beds and exercise equipment were funded by the Trust’s Elective Recovery Fund (ERF), in which The QEH was award £7.5m from NHS England. This is a £1 billion fund made available to help hospitals recover their levels of activity, post the COVID-19 pandemic.

The QEH’s CCC has also had 14 new bedside workstations, complete with lockers, built. These provide staff with a purpose-built workspace within easy reach of their patients. These workstations are suitable to prepare medications as well as hold stock and supplies appropriate for each individual patient. This simple yet effective solution means staff spend less time away from the patient and gives more time to focus on their care.

Natalie English, Ward Manager and Senior Sister in CCC, said: “These small but important facilities will make a huge difference to our patients and support the care and experience they receive. Ultimately it makes a difference to their recovery too which is really important.”

Dr Robin Heij, Critical Care Consultant, said: “This is great news for our patients, and staff as well. The new purpose-built workstations at each patient bed means staff will be able to spend more time with their patients giving more focused care and preparing medication without leaving their bedside.”

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