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**Local hospital donates theatre trolleys to support healthcare in Ukraine**

Twelve specialist theatre trolleys, recently upgraded by a hospital charity, are being donated by North Cambridgeshire Hospital (NCH) in Wisbech to support vital surgical care in frontline hospitals in Ukraine.

The equipment from the hospitals Endoscopy Unit will be transported to Ukraine by national charity Ukraine Relief as part of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King’s Lynn (QEH) new drive to support hospitals in the country. The theatre trolleys, which are no longer needed since the department was kindly gifted new patient trolleys thanks to the Friends of the Wisbech Hospital, will be distributed to Ukraine hospitals most in need of surgical and emergency care support.

The donation is part of The QEH’s ongoing commitment to reducing waste and contributing to a more sustainable future for global healthcare, ensuring that valuable medical equipment continues to make a difference even after being replaced or upgraded in the UK through the championing of circular economy principles.

Paul Brooks, QEH Director of Estates and Facilities, said: “We are proud to contribute to the ongoing medical relief efforts in Ukraine. These trolleys will support frontline healthcare workers who continue to deliver life-saving care in incredibly challenging circumstances.

“As a Trust we are committed to not only supporting a vital cause in Ukraine but reducing our waste and becoming a sustainable, environmentally responsible organisation.”

Anne Ogden, Staff Nurse at the NCH Endoscopy Unit said: "The Endoscopy Team at Wisbech is grateful to be part of the campaign for humanitarian relief in the Ukraine. We hope the trolleys make a huge difference and provide an essential part of patient care.”

The 12 theatre trolleys were collected from the NCH hospital yesterday (Tuesday 28 October) and now will begin the journey to the Ukraine as part of the Ukraine Relief’s ongoing commitment to deliver aid.

The QEH has been collecting surplus or unwanted medical supplies for the past month from departments across the Trust and plans to send these further donations from the main hospital in King’s Lynn in the coming weeks.

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