

Your Legacy

to King Edward VII's Hospital

Our Heritage, Our Future



KING EDWARD VII's
HOSPITAL



The first legacy to the Hospital



Letter received from General Sir Dighton Probyn, VC, GCB, GCSI, GCVO, ISO, PC, Private Secretary to Queen Alexandra, forwarding a cheque for £300 being the balance due to complete the payment of the second £500* promised by his late Majesty, King Edward VII.

“Dear Sister Agnes,

I have not the slightest doubt in my own mind, that in now forwarding on the enclosed cheque for £300, to complete the payment of the second £500 promised by our late King to “King Edward VII’s Hospital for Officers”, I am only paying a just debt, and in doing so, carrying out his late Majesty’s wishes – two instalments of £100 each, the King had paid himself, in 1908 and 1909 I think, leaving therefore a balance of £300 due by His Majesty’s estate to the Hospital.

I am so glad I found this out in time, not only for the sake of your most excellent Hospital, but also, and perhaps more particularly, for the sake of our late dear good King, who, if he knows anything about it, I am sure would be vexed with his late “Keeper of the Privy Purse” if he (that is myself!) hesitated for one moment to settle this just claim.

With all good wishes for your splendid institution and every sincere hope that you may long be spared to manage it, and thus ensure its permanent success.”

**Sandringham, Norfolk
February 23rd 1911**

***Approximately equivalent to £60,000 in 2019**

A message from our President

This is a remarkable Hospital. The personal touch, devotion and skill of the nursing staff all give the feeling of being surrounded by a family. You, or someone whom you know, may already have experienced this exceptional level of care.

The Hospital also maintains its original mission of providing, at subsidised rates or free-of-charge, the very best medical care to present and past members of the Armed Forces, many of whom live daily with the trauma, disability and pain from their injuries.

From its foundation, the Hospital has benefited from legacies, large and small. These have been essential to funding the improvement of our buildings and the replacement of our medical equipment. The pace of advances in medical technology has increased the need for such capital expenditure.

If we can increase the numbers of those considering leaving a legacy, we shall be better able to achieve our goal of securing a future for the Hospital that preserves its many unique qualities.

HRH The Duke of Kent KG GCMG GCVO ADC(P)
President of King Edward VII's Hospital



Gifts in Wills have a transformative effect on the Hospital and its patients

How we have developed since the beginning of the 21st century

Summer 2000

Opening of Emmanuel Kaye House on Devonshire Street



Mary
£300,000

Muriel
£226,622



November 2001

Re-opening of Physiotherapy after extensive refurbishment

2003 and 2004
New equipment acquired for the Operating Theatres



Kate
£153,263

Gemma
£1,000

Sheila
£153,000

Marie
£247,296

Bernard
£500

John
£116,591



From 2006 to 2009
Project PRU (Patient Room Upgrade)

September 2007
Re-opening of the Hydrotherapy Pool after modernisation



Derek
£877,471

Lillian
£32,000

Peter
£297,704



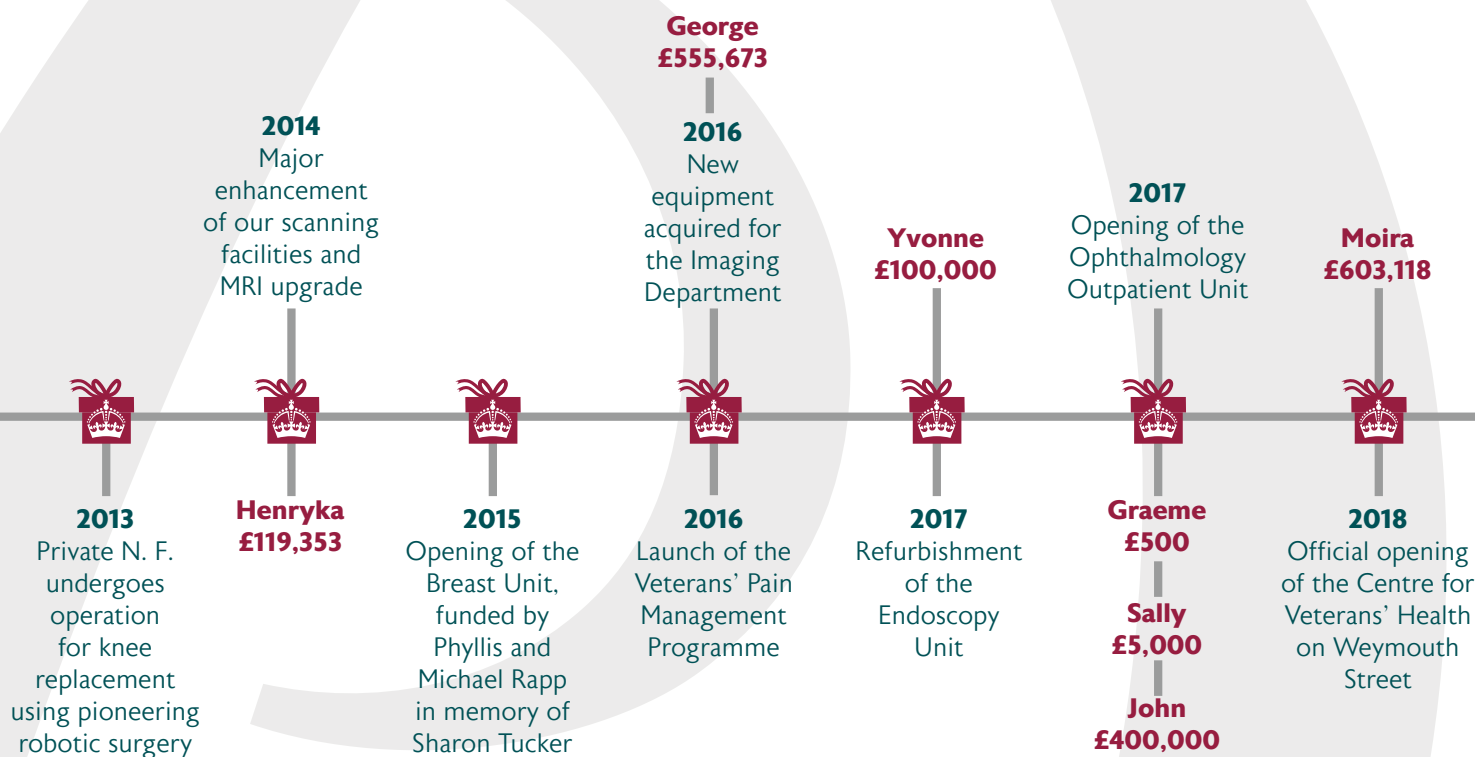
2008
Wing Commander M. benefits from Hydrotherapy Pool exercises post spinal surgery

2011
Redesign of the Critical Care Unit



Louis
£143,757
Alexander
£4,343

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Tributes from patients

“I have had a relationship with the Hospital for over 20 years. My father was a patient here and I have been a patient here. Every time I walk through the door, whether visiting friends or as a patient, I feel a huge sense of relief. I know I am going to get the very best medical care. The food is excellent and the care is so personalised - I could write a book of praise on the Hospital! King Edward VII’s Hospital is home from home.”

L.G.

“The standard of care, comfort of inpatient accommodation, professionalism and attentiveness of staff could not be faulted. It is unlikely that the same standard of staff care and facilities, assured infection free levels and absence of hassle could be matched by an alternative hospital. The added value of patient care at King Edward VII’s Hospital is immeasurable value to a patient seeking health care. I have always insisted I be referred to KEVII!”

Group Captain B., Royal Air Force

“The treatment I received would not have been possible without a grant as my income is limited. I cannot afford the premiums required for Health Insurance. I am so grateful for the highest standards in treatment, comfort, catering, hygiene and understanding that I experience at the Hospital.”

Commander N.T.F., Royal Navy

“From the moment I walked through the doors with my daughter I was treated with courtesy and consideration and made to feel comfortable and at ease. All the staff, both administrative and clinical, were professional, friendly and efficient; nothing was too much trouble.”

Anonymous



“There is no doubt that the two operations I underwent at King Edward VII’s Hospital have completely changed my life and I could not have afforded them without the subsidy. I am hugely grateful to the generous donors who enabled this to happen.”

Colonel J. J. D., Royal Artillery

“...Again, I thank you for your help and hope you may continue your good work for our brave forces retired and present.”

E.S.

“I have made a great recovery over the past six weeks, which must be due to the great skills of the whole medical team, and the fantastic and very excellent care I received from all the nursing, and all the back-up staff at King Edward VII’s. My trust in your care and team excellence will never diminish, and my husband and I will do our very best to continue our support of the St Agnes Society [King Edward VII’s Hospital], however modest that might be.”

J.D.

“It is amazing that organisations such as yours do so much to help disabled war veterans to rehabilitate their lives, and long may it continue.”

Anonymous

“King Edward VII’s Hospital sets the gold standard. My father and I benefited 40 years apart. It is restorative to come round from anaesthetic to find a Wine List on one’s bed!”

Brigadier James Ellery CBE, Patient and legacy pledger

Long life and all fortune to you

Opening and closing quatrains

If you're strolling round idle in London
'Midst the homes of the rich and the great,
You may happen one day in a casual way
On the place of which feebly I prate.

"Sister Agnes's." That's what it's known as
By those, the select chosen few
Who've been there – 9 Grosvenor Gardens,
To cabmen and strangers too.

It's home for the sick and the wounded
Of the Army and Navy as well.
In peace or in war you'll find by the door
A clamouring crowd round the bell,

Seeking entrance. In chairs and on crutches
In thousands and millions they come:
They know a good thing when they see one,
Though they're lame, halt, blind and dumb.

Oh thou soldier, whoever you may be,
Be you Guardsman, proud Lancer, Dragoon
Horse, Foot, or Gun, from wherever the sun
Sinks down, from where rises the moon.

Be ye sick, be ye footsore or weary,
Be ye wounded in battle's hard strife,
Come rest at this haven from suffering,
Sister Agnes will bring you to life.

Sister Agnes, the thanks of the Army,
Of the Navy, the Nation, are due
To one who thus cares for their sufferers,
Long life and all fortune to you.

A.G. SOAMES

Coldstream Guards, October 3rd 1908

Patient at King Edward VII's Hospital

Why I have made a pledge



“I have been a Trustee of King Edward VII’s Hospital for about five years and I have seen the wonderful work done by the Hospital both for patients, with our caring and excellent nurses, and in our charitable output, for example through the pain clinics for servicemen. I feel very strongly that being involved with an organisation means that I should support it in every way I can and leaving a legacy in my will is one way in which I have been able to help. I hope others will follow my example: it does not matter how big or small the legacy is; every little bit helps the hospital in developing and moving forward.”

The Hon Mrs Virginia Lovell JP DL, Trustee

“If there can ever be an update to death, it exists in very few places, but my memory of how my husband spent his final few days in the King Edward VII’s Hospital is very precious to me. He died in his sleep, albeit under the influence of drugs, but he had a smile on his face, and those that looked after him will remember that because they thought him larky. In the kind of stormy weather that we all know is likely to come to us sooner or later, I found Sister Aggie’s an oasis of calm, of warmth and professional care that made what was a difficult time for me and my family a heaven-sent blessing.”

Thelma Holt-Graucob

“I have only ever experienced a minor procedure at the Hospital and I have to say that it was an extremely pleasant experience, inconceivable at any other hospital I have known as a patient. Both my mother and an old friend were operated on there and both were treated immaculately, not least enjoying the wonderful nursing care and excellent cuisine. More amazing to me than anything else and the great benefit that inspires me most to pledge a legacy was the advice and treatment my eldest son and his wife received from one of the Hospital’s eminent consultant gynaecologists, resulting in the birth of my lovely granddaughter a year ago.”

Simon Weil, Trustee

Looking to the future

The Hospital and its charitable works are built on 120 years of heritage. The future of King Edward VII's Hospital will continue to connect to its past but we are clear about the future.

We are dedicated to delivering outstanding personalised care to all our patients and will focus primarily on Women's Health, Men's Health, Musculoskeletal, and Later Life Care. This care will be carried out by continuing to attract world leading consultants, encouraging collaborative work across the organisation and continuing to develop and empower our teams. In delivering all our care, we will ensure the highest level of quality and optimal outcomes.

We are confident that, through the investment in new buildings, facilities, equipment and digital technology, we can build a robust platform for growth, enabling the Hospital to achieve a significant increase in its operational revenues which will establish sustainability and support our charitable works.

Our strategy strives to increase our support to veterans by 40% in 2021/22. With the strong support we enjoy from our consultants, staff, patients and supporters, we are confident that King Edward VII's Hospital will remain the leading private hospital in the UK, distinguished by its support of veterans.

Lindsey Condron, Chief Executive, Spring 2019

I will ensure that the Hospital stays at the forefront of excellent nursing care with the discipline and compassion to make things right for every patient every time they come in. I want us to keep learning and looking outwards so that we take on the best that health care research and innovation has to offer: making sure our patients get the best care in terms of technological and clinical advances.

Tonya Kloppers, Director of Nursing/Matron, Autumn 2018

You can play a key role in our future



As a charity, we rely on legacies, large and small, in order for us to undertake major projects, to buy the very latest medical equipment, and to ensure our work providing medical treatment to veterans is funded.

On average, 30% of the voluntary income we have received over the last six years has come through legacies.

We are hugely grateful to all those who have already chosen to include King Edward VII's Hospital in their Will.

If you are interested in leaving a gift in your Will to King Edward VII's Hospital and have any queries about your legacy and about the Hospital, please use the enclosed form or contact us directly:

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We have included a detachable card with all the information you need to take with you when you next meet with your legal advisers.



Useful information



A gift in your Will is an eloquent recognition of the role that King Edward VII's Hospital has played in your life or in the life of a relative or a friend.

Gifts in Wills can be directed toward specific purposes but contributions marked for general charitable purposes of King Edward VII's Hospital are preferred as they will allow the Hospital to best adapt to its needs in the years to come.

All you need is our name, address and charity number:

King Edward VII's Hospital is a registered charity, number 208944. It is located at Beaumont Street, London W1G 6AA.

As your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever create, you may wish to consult your legal advisers before drafting a new Will, revising your existing Will, or making other plans for your estate.

There are four types of gift that can be included in a Will or in a Codicil to an existing Will:

Pecuniary Legacy - A gift of a specific sum of money. To preserve the value of your gift against inflation it may be useful to index-link your gift - your solicitor can advise you on this point.

Residuary - A gift comprising the residue or part of the residue of an estate i.e. the balance remaining after all expenses have been deducted and all specific gifts, namely pecuniary legacies and specific bequests (see below), have been made.

Specific Bequest - A gift of a named possession or possessions, which may take the form of property, stocks and shares, valuables, works of art, and furniture.

Reversionary - A postponed gift which only takes effect on the death of a specifically named person(s) who is/are able to benefit from your estate (or part of it) during their lifetime. On their death your estate (or the relevant part of it) passes to King Edward VII's Hospital.



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