

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide a list of any donations that have been given to the hospital during the Covid-19 crisis, including monies, equipment and resources such as personal protection equipment (P.P.E.), and confirm to what area of the hospital budget any such donations have been apportioned?

Answer

The hospital has received a number of donations during the Covid-19 crisis – all very much appreciated.

Many donors did not want any public acknowledgement of their generosity and therefore this answer does not name the donors.

One organisation donated £45,000 and this has contributed to the funding of:

- 20 End of Life T34 Syringe drivers
- 2 Hamilton ventilators for the Intensive Care Unit
- 40 hand-held Pulse Oximetry units for the Wards [When covid patients are on oxygen these hand-held devices monitor a patient's blood oxygen levels via a little finger probe. A very important part of respiratory management and ongoing care.]

In addition, the following donations of equipment and PPE were received

- 20 Ventura Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices
- 400 oxygen concentrators
- 2 mechanical ventilators
- 960 Visors
- A quantity of masks and gowns
- A quantity of individual items and samples donated by individuals and organisations coming forward for the PPE Cell to test for suitability of use during the height of the emergency
- 1 box N95 face masks
- 6 boxes of hand sanitiser
- Several boxes of hand sanitiser to distributed to hospital and community staff

Medical equipment such as a mechanical ventilator is recorded on the HCS asset register. These items are not formally allocated to a hospital budget. They are recorded as 'gifted' to formally establish HCS ownership and corporate liability when in operational use. The benefit then helps defray the cost of future expenditure on such items.

PPE was not formally allocated to a hospital budget. Such items were checked for CE marking which is the medical device manufacturer's claim that a product meets the essential requirements of all relevant directives for its use. They were then reviewed in the Government of Jersey PPE Cell by a senior doctor and infection prevention and control specialist to consider their functional suitability and acceptability of use. If these tests were satisfied, the items were incorporated into the stock distributed by the PPE Cell.

The General Hospital and HCS more broadly received numerous 'acts of kindness' from individuals and organisations during the COVID emergency. These were distributed to staff by the HCS Wellbeing Team.

These included, for example, petrol vouchers and hot food supplied by local restaurants and food outlets.