

PRESS RELEASE

LADY ST LEVAN FUND HELPS HOSPICE BUY NEW HOIST

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A £1,000 grant from the Lady St Levan Fund awarded to Cornwall Hospice Care has contributed towards the purchase of new patient hoist for its hospice in Hayle.

The rest of the funding to buy the £5260 hoist came from donations generously given to the charity by members of the public. Annual running costs of Cornwall Hospice Care, which provides specialist care to patients with life-limiting illnesses, currently stand at more than £5 million.

Patients receive 24-hour care, 365 days a year in its two hospices, St. Julia's in Hayle and Mount Edgcumbe in St. Austell. The majority of the funding to run its services comes from the support of the public through donations, fundraising events, a weekly lottery, the retail network or people remembering the charity in their Will.

The new hoist will enable nurses to move patients more easily from their beds to arm chairs and wheel chairs. This helps patients' mobility and prevents them from becoming bed-bound. Sam Pleasants, nursing Sister at St Julia's Hospice, said: "We are delighted with the new hoist – it is an essential piece of equipment for helping us to move patients safely. It also has weighing scales so that we can monitor a patients' weight for their medical records."

The Lady St Levan Fund was set up by Lord St Levan in memory of his wife and is administered by the Cornwall Community Foundation. Kirsty Martyn of the Cornwall Community Foundation said: "It is wonderful to see funds that we administer being put to good use to help the people of Cornwall. Our low overheads means that as much money as possible can be spent on good causes through out the county".

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Notes to Editors

Photograph Attached

Photograph of Ian Hocking, Staff Nurse at St Julia's Hospice Hayle, with the new hoist.

Cornwall Hospice Care:

Every year the highly professional team at Cornwall Hospice Care provides specialist palliative care – the term used for the management of pain and symptoms - for around 500 in-patients and has some 2000 patient admissions for day treatments and therapies. In addition it supports thousands more family members and loved ones with practical, emotional and spiritual support.

The Cornwall Community Foundation:

The Cornwall Community Foundation manages and distributes funding on behalf of individuals, companies, charitable trusts and statutory agencies to meet needs in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It also promotes the aims of the Foundation and raises funds through Endowments and other fundraising activities.

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