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Leicester-based foundation supports Leicester's Hospitals in memory of local cancer patient Emma Shaw

The Emma Shaw Foundation has generously donated over **£29,453** to Leicester Hospitals Charity to aid in the purchase of vital medical equipment that will enhance cancer diagnosis and treatment at Leicester Hospitals. This amazing contribution aims to improve patient care and reduce appointment times, all to support those battling cancer in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

The donation has helped acquire numerous items to support diagnosis, treatment, and care for cancer patients. The radiotherapy department will benefit from a bladder scanner, patient immobilisation plates, Kyphotic support, a thermoplastic oven with a trolley and an MRI headboard. The items will support patients positioning for comfort and improve the accuracy of the radiotherapy treatment, helping to reduce appointment times.

Suzanne Jordan, Head of Radiology at Leicester's Hospitals said: "We are incredibly grateful to Emma Shaw Foundation for their donation. This equipment allows us to improve the quality of care for cancer patients by improving accuracy, providing comfort, and reducing the time taken. This reduces the length of appointment times, which means we can treat more cancer patients from the community."

The Emma Shaw Foundation was established in memory of Emma Shaw, who was diagnosed with Triple Negative breast cancer along with two other types of breast cancer in 2017. Triple-negative breast cancer is the most aggressive form, affecting 15-20% of women diagnosed with breast cancer, particularly those under 40. After receiving various treatments in the UK and Germany, Emma sadly passed away on 21 August 2019 at the age of 41.

Emma was a compassionate and caring individual who, despite her own battle with cancer, sought to support and advise other sufferers. Her family, partner, and friends created the Foundation to fulfil her dream of making a difference in the lives of cancer patients.

Emma's dad John Tuddenham who runs the foundation said: "Emma wanted to make a difference. She set up a fundraising page before she passed away to support her treatment and wanted any money remaining to help those fighting cancer. We set up the Foundation in memory of Emma and we have, and we will continue to raise funds to support more patients. With this contribution, we hope to carry forward her legacy by helping those that are undergoing similar challenges and procedures."

This donation has significantly aided in diagnosing and treating cancer, benefiting many patients. Sunita Patel, Head of Charity at Leicester Hospitals Charity, said: “Thank you to the Emma Shaw Foundation for their generous gift. Their support as a local charity is inspiring and we value the opportunity to work in partnership with them to continue to raise vital funds for cancer services within Leicester’s Hospitals. It all helps to make a long-lasting positive impact and provide resources to improve patient care for the community across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.







About The Emma Shaw Foundation

The Emma Shaw Foundation was established in memory of Emma Shaw, who bravely fought Triple Negative breast cancer. The Foundation aims to support cancer patients by providing resources, funding medical equipment, and enhancing patient care. Emma's family and friends continue her legacy of compassion and support through their dedicated efforts.