

The Appeal Office, based in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, provides fundraising advice and administrative support for charitable funds, held by various departments in the Royal Berkshire and West Berkshire Hospitals.

The charity came into being after the very successful 150th Anniversary (of the RBH) Appeal in 1989 to refurbish the Radiotherapy Department. At that time it was felt that a permanent Appeal Office should be set up, to facilitate donations to and fund-raising for the Royal Berkshire, Battle and Newbury District hospitals, so 'West Berkshire Hospitals Charity' was formed in late 1991. There are some 30 charitable funds under the charity's umbrella – it is called an umbrella charity because there are many funds but only one registered charity. The charity changed its name in January 2001 to 'Reading & District Hospitals Charity' to reflect more accurately the area that the charity serves.

The charity is completely separate from the RB NHS Foundation Trust. However, we work closely with the Trust, which is represented on our Board of Trustees. The Trustees of this Charity are responsible for all that is done in the Charity's name. Therefore, please contact us about your plans for fundraising. We will be able to offer advice to make sure that all legal requirements are met. Every penny raised goes directly to the intended fund. We do not make any deductions. Our accounts are audited annually and copies are available on request. Our office is generally open Monday – Friday between 9.30 am – 2.30 pm but please telephone beforehand if you wish to visit us.

We are also registered with JustGiving.com, so if you are planning an event and wish to create your own personal online fundraising page for sponsors, please visit the following website:-

 **JustGiving**™ for charities
www.justgiving.com/rdhc

JustTextGiving™
by  **vodafone**
Text RDHC00 £2 / £5 / £10
to 70070 to donate now

Funds currently held under the charity's umbrella:

Adult and Children A & E Department Fund
Berkshire Cancer Centre Fund
Berkshire Corneal Trust
Bosom Buddies Fund
Buggy Fund
Cardiac Fund
Short Stay Unit Fund
Charles "Berti" Bertoli Staying Alive Foundation
Charlotte Starmer-Smith Medical Fund
Children's Fund
Children's Fund – Buscot Babies
Children's Home Support Group
Diabetes Centre Appeal
Dingley Specialist Children's Fund
Dingley Wish Fund
Dorrell Ward Fund
E.N.T. Outpatients Fund
Eye Fund
Florey Unit Nurses Fund
General Outpatients Fund
Hilary Earls Training Fund
Intensive Care Rebuilding Fund
Ken Thomas Fund
Kidney Fund
Leukaemia Fund
Max Fax Fund
Medical Retina Fund
Multi-Faith Sanctuary Appeal
Newbury Breast Care Fund
Paediatric Audiology Fund
Pain Therapy Clinic Fund
Reading Robot Appeal
Research & Development Innovation Fund
R.O.A.P. (Reading Orthopaedic Adult Patients) Fund
S.A.F.E. (Sexual Advice for Everyone) Appeal
S.T.A.R. (Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia in Reading) Project
Stillbirth Fund
Stork's Fund
Trust Education Centre Fund



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supporting
the Royal Berkshire Hospital
and the West Berkshire Hospital



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Royal Berkshire and
West Berkshire Hospitals

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Adult & Children A & E Department Fund

This fund has been set up to raise money for emergency department equipment, decorations and toys for the new Children's A & E Unit.

Berkshire Cancer Centre Fund

Donations to this fund are currently being focused towards the new linear accelerator machine which will be used to deliver radiotherapy to cancer patients.

Berkshire Corneal Trust

Set up to support research, training and clinical care in corneal disease.

Bosom Buddies

Support group for women suffering from breast cancer.

Buggy Fund

Set up to provide the means to maintain and service the vehicle so it may continue to operate.

Buscot Babies Fund

Supporting the Special Care Baby Unit to provide specialist equipment and improve facilities.

Cardiac Fund

Set up to improve facilities and equipment for cardiac patients.

CDU Short Stay Unit Fund

Set up to improve ward facilities and equipment for patients.

Charles 'Berti' Bertoli Staying Alive Foundation

This fund raises money to buy dialysis equipment for the Renal Unit at the RBH and promotes awareness of the donor card scheme.

Charlotte Starmer-Smith Fund

Set up to extend the Isolation Unit to benefit leukaemia and haematology patients.

Children's Fund

Set up to improve facilities within the paediatric department and to provide items of specialist equipment.

Children's Home Support Group

This fund buys equipment so that children suffering from cystic fibrosis or severe asthma can be treated at home rather than as in-patients.

Diabetes Centre Appeal

The charity raised £600,000 to provide a specialist centre for people with diabetes. The fund remains open to keep the centre equipped to the highest possible standards.

Dingley Specialist Children's Centre

The fund provides specialist items of medical equipment together with specialised play equipment.

Dorrell Ward Fund

Set up for the development of staff and provision of extra medical and recreational equipment for the ward which is part of specialist surgery at the RBH.

ENT Outpatients Fund

Set up to improve facilities for outpatients.

Eye Fund

Supports the Eye Department to provide specialist equipment.

General Outpatients Fund

Set up to improve the facilities and care of patients.

Hilary Earls Training Fund

Provides funds for extra training for oncology staff.

Intensive Care Unit Rebuilding Fund

Funds currently needed towards the proposed rebuilding of the unit to accommodate more patients needing specialised care.

Kidney Fund

Supports the Renal Unit to provide the latest equipment to improve the treatment and quality of life for patients.

Leukaemia Fund

Supports patients by providing specialist nurses and equipment.

Max-Fax Fund

Supports the Maxillofacial Department to provide equipment and better facilities for patients with face, mouth or jaw conditions.

RBH Medical Retinal Fund

Set up to develop a medical retinal service.

Paediatric Audiology Fund

Set up to provide essential equipment to improve the services required for the assessment and rehabilitation of hearing impaired children.

Pain Therapy Fund

This fund provides an extension to the care already given to patients in chronic pain.

R.O.A.P. Fund

Set up to provide additional equipment and facilities for orthopaedic patients.

S.T.A.R. Project

Set up to launch an education project in schools aimed at young people to inform them about Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia.

Stillbirth Fund

Set up to improve the care and environment for women and partners during and following stillbirth.

Stork's Fund

Set up to provide facilities such as the parent craft teaching room together with information and literature to support and help new patients.

Reading Robot Appeal – 'Robbie Rebooted'

Donations are directed towards the Da Vinci robotic theatre equipment which enables surgeons to operate through tiny incisions which brings a host of benefits for patients, all of which contribute to radically shortened recovery times and a quicker return to normal life. More detailed individual fund leaflets are available on request.

If you wish to make a donation, please send a cheque to us made payable to RDHC followed by the name of your chosen fund.

If you are able, kindly indicate you wish to Gift Aid your donation and provide your full name and address to enable us to reclaim the tax on your donation.

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you donate, your chosen fund gets an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. To qualify you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the tax year at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and CASCs you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.