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2026

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Welcome

2025-2026, was yet another fantastic year for our team and, of course, our amazing community of supporters. Together we raised a fantastic £4,529,000!

A personal highlight for me, included in this report, were the Rocket Scanners we have provided for our young patients to take away the fear of MRI scans.

We were also delighted in June of this year to announce that our MediCinema Appeal to bring a state-of-the-art MediCinema to our Oxford Road site had reached its £1.1 million fundraising target. This is such an exciting project that will take shape over the coming months and make an amazing difference to patients of all ages.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without you, our incredible supporters.

Whether you have supported us through your school or work place, made a donation, organised your own fundraising activity, taken part in a sponsored event or volunteered your time, you have made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful. **THANK YOU**.

Angela Rowe

Angela Rowe - Acting Director

Making A Difference for Breast Cancer Patients

Our National Breast Imaging Academy at Wythenshawe Hospital is now open thanks to the £3.9 million raised through the Build to Beat Breast Cancer Appeal.

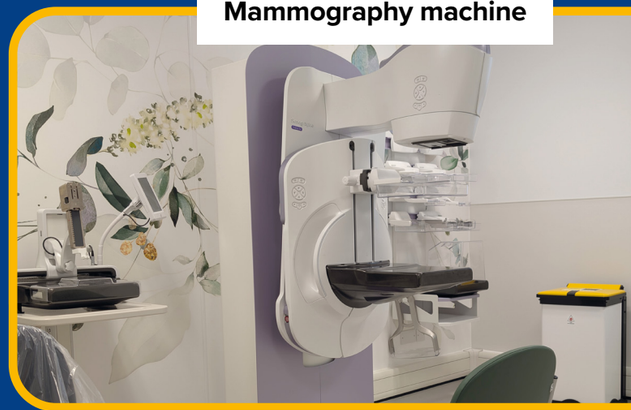
The innovative training facility will:

- Expand imaging capacity to help more patients, faster
- Provide cutting-edge, hands-on training in a real clinical setting
- Create new, cost-effective career pathways into breast care
- Offer vital space for research and boost recruitment into clinical trials
- Enable us to care for 5,000 new patients and 8,000 additional follow-ups each year.

Thanks to our supporters, we are building a stronger future for breast cancer care, not just for patients here in Manchester, but for patients across the country.

National Breast Imaging Academy

Mammography machine



Making A Difference for Children and Young People

We have provided two Rocket Scanners, one at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and one at Wythenshawe Hospital.

Every year, thousands of children cared for by our hospitals require an MRI scan to diagnose and monitor a wide range of medical conditions, from complex neurological disorders to routine injuries and unexplained symptoms.

Although the MRI scan is often critical, it can also be an incredibly intimidating prospect, particularly for young children, many of whom will find it difficult to stay still for prolonged periods of time.

Rocket Scanners are innovative, playful, rocket-shaped MRI-simulators designed to help children overcome the fear and anxiety associated with an MRI scan. Thanks to our supporters, we have provided two Rocket Scanners, that will reduce distress and anxiety in the young children we care for and ensure that thousands of children can be scanned without feeling so frightened.

Rocket Scanner

Our Rocket Scanner Appeal was first championed by Gillian Bailey-Smith, Diagnostic Modality Lead for Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Gillian took part in our Pyjama Walk at Heaton Park raising donations for our Rocket Scanner appeal.

Each year hundreds of fundraisers take part in our events, raising vital funds for our hospitals.

If you would like to take part in an event, visit our website for our full events calendar.

Scan the QR code and get involved!

Gillian said:

"The Rocket Scanners let children see themselves as they are sat inside the scanner, as well as track their own progress for remaining still. The first experience of an MRI scan can shape how someone feels about scans for the rest of their life. If we can make that first experience positive, we can reduce trauma and the need for sedation, not just now but into adulthood."

Making A Difference for Organ Transplant Recipients

We have funded an Abdominal Normothermic Regional Perfusion (ANRP) kit. ANRP can help to improve kidney, liver and pancreas utilisation in organ retrieval. This innovative technology in organ retrieval improves both patient quality of life and long-term transplant success.

Each year Manchester Royal Infirmary delivers up to 200 deceased donor kidney transplants.

The equipment means the Renal Transplant Service can now use Normothermic Regional Perfusion technique for organ retrieval. This technique provides an oxygenated blood supply to organs in deceased donors, maintaining the organ quality and allowing organ function to be monitored.

This will make a real difference for patients, with reduced rates of delayed graft function, leading to shorter hospital stays, faster recovery and significantly improved clinical outcomes post-transplant.

Rory Brown, Senior Research Fellow says:

"ANRP can help to improve kidney, liver and pancreas utilisation in organ retrieval, expanding the donor pool and increasing access to transplantation. Optimising kidney utilisation is critical to reducing our transplant waiting list and improving patient outcomes."

Staff are currently being trained to use this transformative equipment with the aim of launching the service this summer.

Kyle Tyrrell-Holm, Service Manager for Renal Transplant says:

"We are deeply grateful to the MFT charities team and supporters, whose generosity has made the procurement of this vital equipment possible, helping to drive innovation and improve the lives of patients awaiting transplantation."

Making A Difference on our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Saint Mary's cares for the poorliest babies and their families. Our dedicated, specialist teams make a real impact for families going through an incredibly challenging time.

Thanks to our amazing supporters, we have been able to purchase a Baby Leo Incubator. This has an advanced heating system that uses three sources of heat – a heated mattress, overhead heater and traditional incubator heating – to help a baby's body temperature to remain stable, even when the side is down or the hood is lifted. This means parents don't have to worry about their baby's temperature changing when cuddling, holding their babies' hand or kissing them good night.

The in-built audio system lets parents record and create audio clips, such as their voices, heartbeat or music that they listened to during pregnancy, that can be played at a volume that is safe for the tiniest of ears and provides comfort especially when a baby is distressed.

The Baby Leo incubator was funded by the incredible fundraising efforts of Ric Moylan and his Charity Boxing Nights.

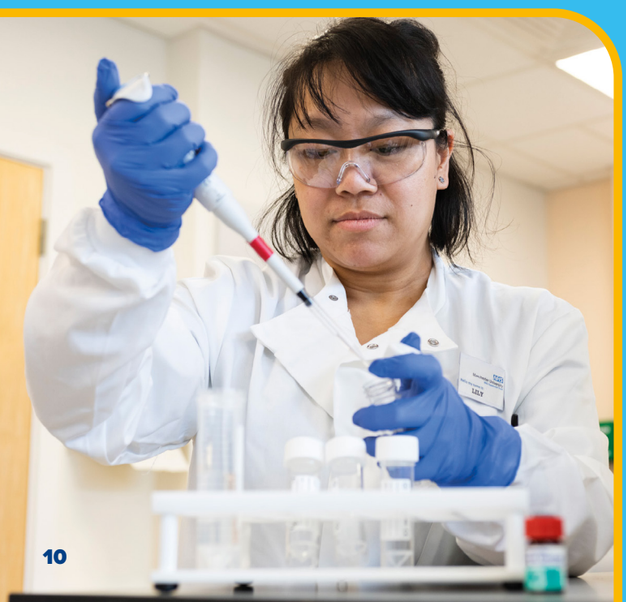
Ric said:

"I'm so pleased that the money we have raised has been used by the NICU team and they have been able to buy this fantastic piece of equipment that is going to make such a difference to babies and parents they are caring for."

Making A Difference for Patients with Endocrine Conditions

Endocrine conditions affect the glands that produce and release hormones and include well-known conditions like diabetes and thyroid disorders.

Thanks to a generous legacy gift, we are supporting research into Endocrine Conditions by funding research nurses and technicians.



Dr Rachel Jennings, Honorary Consultant in Endocrinology says:

"Charity funding will make a real difference to our work as it will allow us to secure skilled nurses and technicians to deliver research projects. The goal of our research is to better understand why some people develop diabetes and identify new opportunities for earlier diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. This research has the potential to benefit people living with diabetes today, while also helping those at risk to reduce their chances of developing the condition in the future."

If you are considering supporting us with a gift in your Will, please do get in touch with our team or visit our website for more information.

Making A Difference for Children with Cancer

"Reclining and relaxing go together"

Tracy, Raenah's grandmother

New recliner chair

Raenah in hospital

Ward 86 in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital cares for children with cancer. Families spend long periods of time on the ward to be with their children as they bravely face their treatment.

We have funded 24 recliner chairs for the ward to support families to stay by their child's side when they need it the most.

Raenah was admitted to Ward 86 for over three weeks following a sudden diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Her mum, Jemma along with Raenah's dad, Liam and grandparents have appreciated the additional comfort of the recliner chairs to re-charge after long drives from Burnley to be with her.

Thanks to our supporters, we are providing a little comfort for families like Raenah's – an incredible difference to make.

The projects our charity funds make a real impact for our patients across Manchester Foundation Trust. None of this would be possible without you and your generous support.

3,781
donations received

£4,539,000
raised

762
fundraising pages were set up

We received payments from
48 legacies

1,686
people attended events

In support of:

North Manchester General Hospital
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Wythenshawe Hospital
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital
Saint Mary's Hospital
University Dental Hospital of Manchester
Withington Community Hospital
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