



The Support Group is a formed in 1984.

Registered Charity which was

Our newly updated objects are "The relief, care and treatment of premature and sick newborn babies in the Special Care Baby Unit at York Hospital, by assisting with the purchase of specialised medical equipment, improving amenities and facilities, providing emotional support, and financial assistance with travel costs, for parents and siblings, and supporting the education and vocational training of staff on the unit."

So who are we?

We have both trustees and members on the Support Group who are either staff who work on York SCBU or parents who have had a baby/babies on the Unit.

What do we do?

We work together to give a better start in life to the tiny or sick babies and their families who are been treated and cared for on the Unit. This can be in a number of ways. We buy many items for the Unit, not just expensive medical equipment but also smaller items which can make just as much a difference. Currently we are planning to change the majority of chairs on the unit.

We have bought some very specialised chairs in the last 2 years which mean babies in ICU can have skin to skin and cuddles much easier with places to put the associated tubing. At last years AGM we voted to provide much comfier chairs for the rest of the ward which has now been achieved.



In this photo of ICU the Support Group has purchased the ventilator, Giraffe Omnibed, the ECG Monitor and the blue chair.

The Support Group also pays for specialised training for the staff so they can keep as up to date as possible.

The Support Group currently hires a beach hut on North Bay at Scarborough where families can go free of charge for the day.

The Support Group pays for all the Donor Breastmilk that is used of the ward.

The Support Group supports families who have had their baby transferred to another hospital with a small donation to help with their travel.

The Support Group pays for all babies to have 2 muslins so they can continue to have the smell of their parents near them and vice versa.

The Support Group buys snacks to have in the Parent Kitchen for when meals are missed or there is a need.



The Support Group paid for the full refurbishment of our Milk Kitchen.

At our last meeting it was agreed that our next project would be to refurbish the Parents Area on SCBU as it is looking very tired after over 10 years of use since the last refurbishment.

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