



## Charity Collection Submission – St George's Hospital Charity

St George's Hospital Charity (registered charity 1171195) is requesting the opportunity to raise money through bucket collections at AFC Wimbledon, in support of St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the largest healthcare provider and employer in southwest London, serving a population of 1.3 million people across South West London and comprises of St George's Hospital in Tooting, Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton and community services.

As one of four major trauma centres in London and offering specialist services across Surrey, Sussex and beyond, St George's Hospital's Accident & Emergency department is one of the busiest in the UK, documented by Channel 4's award-winning series *24 Hours in A&E*. It is one of the country's principal teaching hospitals, with St George's, University of London training the future generation of doctors.

St George's Hospital Charity raises money to enhance the experience of patients, their families and staff within the Trust by supporting projects 'over and above' what the NHS can normally provide. This includes purchasing life-saving equipment, refurbishing rooms into comfortable and welcoming spaces, supporting ground-breaking research, and investing in world-class staff.

Charity supporters have recently funded a Sensory Play Trolley for St George's Play Team. This helps children in hospital ahead of surgery, distracts them during a procedure, or used for play to improve the children's experience of being in hospital.

The charity also supported the recent refurbishment of the Trevor Howell day unit, which treats over 200 patients a week for their chemotherapy treatment, transforming a cramped space into a spacious and bright area for patients and staff. Each treatment chair now has space for visitors and a curtain, allowing patients greater privacy during their treatment.

If successful, monies raised through an AFC Wimbledon bucket collection could go towards a number of specific appeals, such as Children's, Neuro, Cardiac, Cancer or Relatives' Accommodation, or benefit one of over 250 funds set up for specific wards, research areas or departments. Alternatively, donations from the collection could support Better Everywhere, funding priority projects across the hospital where the need is greatest.

Many supporters of AFC Wimbledon, the Foundation, and their families will have experienced the extraordinary care of St George's 8,500 staff first-hand, with some also working here or living close by. We would be delighted to have the opportunity to do a bucket collection, raising funds towards the hospital and perhaps for a particular cause close to AFC Wimbledon's heart where fans can make a vital difference.