

Brighter Futures Radiotherapy appeal



Although our appeal has yet to be launched publicly, please find below some information about how your involvement or donation will help make a difference to local people with a cancer diagnosis in Swindon and Wiltshire.

Each year hundreds of patients travel an average of 2,500 miles to receive essential Radiotherapy treatment. At one of the most vulnerable times in their lives they make this journey away from their support networks. When the appeal is launched, we hope to raise more than £2.5 million in order to build a Radiotherapy facility in Swindon.

Why support us?

For too long local people in need of radiotherapy have had to make the long journey to Oxford for treatment. Typically this means up to 40 trips to Oxford over the course of one to seven weeks. Not only does this mean patients having to endure long journeys at a time when they are unwell, it also means spending precious time travelling, rather than with loved ones.

Last year in Swindon (2013) over 3,000 people were told the devastating news they had cancer. This is eight people every day.

In 2013/14, a total of 669 patients from the Swindon area travelled to Oxford University Hospital to receive radiotherapy. This equates to 10,043 journeys of 70 miles.

This is our once in a lifetime chance to support the biggest improvement in cancer care Swindon has seen in a generation. If it was our own loved ones, we'd want the best care available, as close to home as possible. This is a fantastic opportunity to support your local healthcare services and anyone who needs treatment now and in the years to come. Let's make it happen once and for all.

Brighter Futures, the charity for Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, will shortly begin a Capital Fundraising appeal in order to provide the equipment needed for a new Radiotherapy Centre on Great Western Hospital site in Swindon. This is a partnership with Oxford University Hospital who will build the facility at a cost of £14 million.

Your donation will go into a Radiotherapy appeal account and the funds donated will be used to purchase 2 Linear Accelerators, the equipment required to provide local people with a radiotherapy centre in Swindon.

It is likely that we will launch our appeal publicly in spring 2015 however we are seeking expressions of interest from members of the public and organisations now in the hope that this new facility can become a reality. Plans are to open the centre by Spring 2017.

To find out more about Brighter Futures and you can get involved in the Radiotherapy appeal, please contact us on 01793 605631 or email fundraising@gwh.nhs.uk

