



Press release

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KatCanDo presented a £12,000 cheque from monies raised at a charity ball organised by local keep fit instructors BeFiit, to Frimley Park's new Breast Care Unit .



KatCanDo Frimley Appeal for Cancer Patients charity has presented a cheque for £12,000 raised at the Starlight Autumn Ball held at the Wentworth Club. The funds have been used to purchase a Neoprobe Gamma Detection Unit for the new Breast Care Unit at Frimley Park Hospital for local cancer patients. The event was organised by Carol Wickes and Sarah Tuson, local fitness instructors and owners of the BeFiit organisation.

KatCanDo is a local cancer charity which, through fundraising, has donated over £250,000 to support local organisations in South West Surrey / North East Hampshire since it's inception in 2004. The support is through the purchase of equipment and services not always provided through the NHS. Organisations the charity has helped have included Frimley Park, Basingstoke and Farnham Hospitals, Phyllis Tuckwell and Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospices as well as Marie Curie and MacMillan Nurses.

Pat Mowat, a KatCanDo Trustee said: *'It was a pleasure to work with Carol and Sarah and their team in organising such a fantastic event. Raising monies for charity in the present climate is becoming more and more difficult, so the charity is immensely grateful for the support of local BeFiit Fitness instructors and their friends who worked so hard to ensure the evenings success. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, great band and all the fundraising fun. The Wentworth Club provided a great location for the event. All the monies raised are*



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going to KatCanDo. The money will be funding the purchase of a Neoprobe Gamma Detection Unit for the new Breast Care Unit at Frimley Park Hospital. The probe is used to detect the Sentinel Lymph Node (SLN) in breast cancer patients, enabling the surgeon to locate both the SLN and any other cancerous tissues requiring analysis, this minimising surgical invasiveness. We would also like to thank all those companies and individuals who sponsored the event and who donated prizes for the raffles.

Carol Wickes said: *“We are delighted to have been able to raise sufficient funds for such an amazing piece of equipment. A number of our members have suffered with breast cancer so it’s very dear to our hearts “*

Raouf Daoud, Breast Surgeon Consultant at Frimley Park Hospital said: *“The new gamma probe is a vital instrument in the day to day surgery of breast cancer. It enables us to accurately remove the lymph nodes that drain the cancer. This latest cordless probe is very handy, user friendly and saves time. ”*

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Note to Editors

BeFit

Carol Wickes and Sarah Tuson provide effective fitness sessions alongside a flexible weight management programme – all in a fun and friendly environment. Their classes are unique! . Details of their classes can be found at : <http://www.befit.com>

Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust serves more than 400,000 across the north-east Hampshire, west Surrey and east Berkshire area although its catchment for some services such as emergency vascular and heart attacks is much wider. In addition to the main hospital site at Frimley, it runs outpatient and diagnostic services from Aldershot, Farnham, Fleet and Bracknell. It has strong links to the community through its 15,000-strong foundation trust members. www.frimleypark.nhs.uk.