

Dr John Prior Memorial Bursary

GCF has also overseen the inception of the Dr John Prior Memorial Bursary. This recently allowed us to purchase a training dummy for £2840 which allows:



- teaching chest draining and needle decompression to Junior Doctors
- no risk to patient
- Improves technique.

The Dr John Prior Memorial Bursary also provides funding for courses for:

- Specialist Respiratory Nurses
- Technicians
- Physiotherapists

The Bursary allows our specialist respiratory staff to go on courses that the NHS is unable to fund. These courses expand the expertise and knowledge of all of our specialist respiratory staff. This will ultimately benefit all of our patients.

Knowledge of diseases, medication and other treatments are constantly changing, so by funding our staff to go on these courses, it allows them to keep fully up to date with current thinking.

Gloucestershire Chest Fund

We Need Your Help

Please consider supporting GCF if you:

- are doing a sponsored event
- organising a coffee morning to raise money
- are holding a dress down day at work
- are putting one of our collecting tins in your place of work
- are interested in becoming a trustee of GCF.

If you think you can help us in anyway please contact us on:

Email: fundraising@gloucestershirechestfund.org

Telephone: 07734011554

Or visit us at:

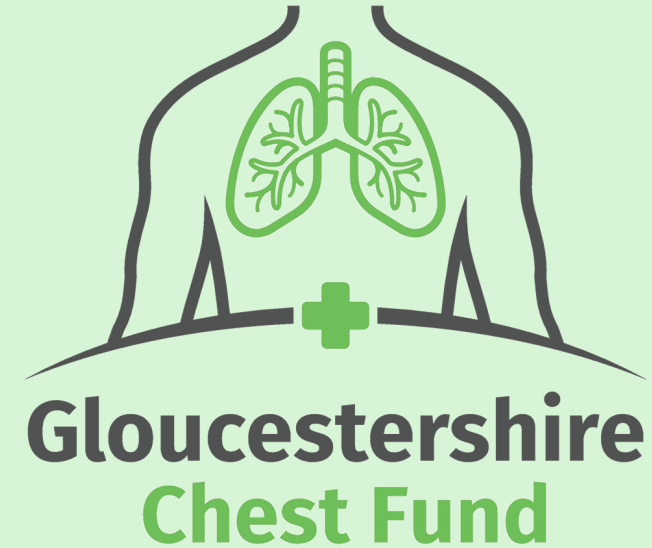
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by supporting our hospital's
respiratory needs



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Gloucestershire Chest Fund

The Gloucestershire Chest Fund (GCF) was established in 1991 by Mrs Doreen Roberts and Dr John Prior, both of whom are sadly no longer with us, but would be very proud at how far the charity has come.

The aim off the fund is to provide equipment to aid both diagnosis of, and treatment of Chest Diseases which the NHS is unable to fund.

To date the Fund has raised £650,000

The Fund is run entirely by trustees and Volunteers meaning that 100% of money raised goes directly to the charity. We are advised on our funding for equipment and training by our Consultant Chest Physician Trustees.

Everyone knows somebody who suffers from a chest condition, for example

- Asthma/Allergies
- Bronchitis
- Lung cancer
- Mesothelioma
- Asbestosis
- Pneumonia
- T.B.
- Lung fibrosis
- COPD
- Sleep apnoea
- Trauma

How we raise funds

- Sponsored events
- Collections
- Donations
- Selling branded items via our website and Facebook page.
- Bereavement funds
- Support from local businesses

A few examples of items funded:

Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS)

£107,000



- Takes tissue samples without the need for an operation
- Simple day case procedure
- No general anaesthetic needed
- Faster diagnosis of lung cancer.

Portable Ultrasound Scanner

£38,500



- Used to detect fluids present in the pleural cavity between the lungs and chest wall, which can be safely removed by using the:

Pleural Videoscope £32,900



- Simple day case procedure
- Provided locally
- Allows removal of fluids and sampling of tissue within the pleural cavity.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

£28,000

The Chest fund provided pump-priming money to prove the value of this service to patients. This is now countywide and is funded by the NHS.

Diagnostic Sleep Study Equipment

£30,000

Allows diagnosis of sleep apnoea syndrome, a very common condition which interferes with sleep causing:



- Increased daytime sleepiness
- Increased risk of road traffic accidents



This can be treated using:

A Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Machine which GCF purchased for £3500.