

New eye scanner donated to Southern Health's, Romsey Hospital will improve eye care for patients

Generous donations from charities, League of Friends and Romsey Hospital Appeal have allowed Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's, Romsey Community Hospital to buy a unique piece of retinal imaging equipment that will help improve the eyesight of 100's of patients in the local area.

The £36,000 OCT eye scanner machine helps to detect Glaucoma, an eye condition where the optic nerve, which connects your eye to your brain, incurs damage. It is common but can lead to loss of vision if is not detected and treated early enough.

The hospitals brand new equipment will immensely improve accessibility to eye care patients, only having to travel a relatively short distance rather than travelling to a general hospital.

Helen Cooper, Nurse at Romsey Hospital said, "Most of our eye care patients in the local area are elderly so being able to treat them at Romsey Hospital is a real benefit as it is closer to their home, has free parking available and is generally easier to access. We would like to thank the League of Friends and everyone who contributed to the Romsey Appeal for making this possible, it really will make a huge difference to our patients."

Elaine Granger, League of friends Chairman says, "It was an absolute pleasure to be able to donate to such a worthy cause. This will aid so many members of the Romsey community to receive care in their local area. It's a heart-warming feeling to see people benefit from this donation and know that you have made a positive change in people's lives."