

Grants awarded Small grants awarded February 2008

Project: Complex aneurysm 3-D image processing system

Applicant: Mr Matthew Waltham, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £20,000

The Trust is a leading centre for minimally invasive, endovascular repair of aortic aneurysms, providing patients with a safer alternative to open surgery. The grant will fund an upgrade of the 3-D image processing computer system used by the service, allowing the team to treat more patients and enabling endovascular repair of aneurysms otherwise unsuitable for minimally invasive treatment

Project: Peroral choledochoscopy

Applicant: Dr Terry Wong, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £19,500

The grant will fund the purchase of equipment necessary to perform choledochoscopy which is a better technique for the diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma (cancer of the bile duct), which is increasing in incidence, and difficult to diagnose.

Project: Evaluation of oral surgery services in primary care dental practices

Applicant: Dr Jennifer Gallagher, Honorary Consultant in Dental Public Health, Lambeth PCT

Award: £20,000

Funding will enable the evaluation of an innovative project to undertake some types of oral surgery, currently undertaken in hospital, in primary dental care. The results will inform the future of primary care dental provision.

Project: Specialist software for biochemical quantification in magnetic resonance spectroscopy

Applicant: Dr Geoff Charles-Edwards, Principal Clinical Scientist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £6,000

The grant will fund the purchase of software recognized as the standard tool for fast, objective, automated quantification of biochemicals measured by magnetic resonance spectroscopy, bringing the service up-to-date and speeding up processes.

Project: Improving diabetes services in south east London

Applicant: Dr Jake Powrie, Consultant/Honorary Senior Lecturer, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £20,000

The grant will contribute towards the cost of undertaking a review of diabetes services in South London and devising a plan to redesign and improve these services. King's College London and the National Health Service are also contributing to this project.

Project: Trust Open Day

Applicant: Ms Anita Knowles, Director of Communications, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £12,000

The grant will part-fund the annual Trust open day in June 2008. This creates a lively and fun atmosphere, giving people valuable health information and information about the Trust, whilst also promoting the organisation as a friendly and welcoming place to attend as a patient and to work.

Project: "Waving benches"

Applicant: Ms Angela Dawe, Director of Primary Care and Community Services, Lambeth PCT

Award: £17,500

The award will allow the applicant to commission artist Angus Ross to create beautiful wooden benches for the internal courtyard of the new Gracefield Gardens Health and Social Care Centre in Streatham, so improving the environment for patients and visitors.

Project: Improving breast screening coverage

Applicant: Dr Gillian Holdsworth, Public Health Consultant, Southwark PCT

Award: £20,000

Funding will be used to try and improve the uptake of breast screening in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham.

Project: Short course at Johns Hopkins University

Applicant: Mr Mohammad Fahim Tungekar, Consultant/Hon Senior Clinical Lecturer (Department of Histopathology), Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £1,650

Project: Short course relating to autism

Applicant: Ms Nicky Wood, Clinical Child Psychologist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £707

Project: To present a poster at Craniofacial Society of Great Britain and Ireland Annual Conference 2008

Applicant: Miss Zoe Jordan, Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £652

Project: To present a paper at Diabetes UK Annual Professional Conference 2008

Applicant: Miss Claire O'Shea, Podiatrist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £440

Project: To present a paper at Diabetes UK Annual Professional Conference 2008

Applicant: Miss Tejal Patel, Podiatrist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £540