

# Applying for a grant from Guy's and St Thomas' Charity



# Guy's and St Thomas' Charity is the largest NHS related charity in the UK

Every year the Charity awards around £5 million under its New Services and Innovations programme. Grants are available to staff at:

- Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Lambeth and Southwark Primary Care Trusts
- South London and Maudsley NHS Trust (for rehabilitation focused service developments in Lambeth and Southwark)

The New Services and Innovations grants programme supports small (under £20,000) and large (between £20,000 and £1 million) projects under the following themes:

- Buildings and the environment
- Clinical and service innovation
- Staff benefits and development

Grants provide applicants with the necessary time and resources to develop ideas. Many projects address gaps in services, simple changes to processes that affect the wider NHS, or provide opportunities to explore new ways that services can work together.

Where appropriate, applicants must describe how they incorporate patient and user involvement in their application development and in the proposed delivery of projects. Proposals seeking to identify and engage with socially excluded client groups are encouraged, as are applications that seek to use art as an integral part of the environment.

The Charity also funds research and development. More information can be found on the website at [www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/](http://www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/)

The NHS Trusts can also apply for loans from the Charity. A loan might be particularly useful for the introduction of equipment and technology where there is a significant upfront cost.

## Buildings and the environment



“The new locker rooms have improved our environment enormously. Colourful, high quality useful surroundings like these really motivate staff; people feel better about coming to work and enjoy their day more.”

Steve Dempsey, manager of St Thomas' Hospital Catering Production

Front cover and above: chefs Marguerite Jean and Louisa Batista in the new female staff locker room

The Charity provides grants for projects which will improve the healthcare environment, including non-clinical areas such as staff facilities, to promote a modern, attractive workplace.

The Charity provided a grant of £164,000 for the Design Challenge scheme to enhance ten areas at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust most in need of an upgrade. The catering staff changing rooms at St Thomas' Hospital were refurbished in a style inspired by contemporary art.

The Charity is interested in receiving applications for smaller projects that will improve other healthcare environments in the same way.

Applicants are encouraged to integrate art into designs for major environmental improvements. Visual, educational and performance pieces that improve the patient experience will be considered for funding.

## Clinical and service innovation

The Charity awards grants that support innovative ways of delivering healthcare services.

### Medical Toxicology Unit Database

Data on poisoned patients attending St Thomas' Hospital is being collated and analysed to inform best practice in acute poisoning cases.

A grant of £103,840 awarded to the Medical Toxicology Unit will allow the database, a first for the UK and covering demographic information, diagnosis, treatment and outcome, to be used to feed back vital clinical information to emergency departments.

Staff supply information on the drugs or toxins a patient has taken, where they got them, their symptoms, blood test results, time taken before treatment, the length of time spent in the emergency department, length of hospital stay, and what antidote and treatment was prescribed.

Dr Paul Dargan, the Project Manager, said “This bodes well for the development of our work in ensuring patients receive the best treatment possible.”



“This database gives us an excellent opportunity to monitor best practice in clinical toxicology. It will provide data to inform colleagues locally, regionally and internationally.”

Dr Paul Dargan, Project Manager

Above: Phillip Morgan,  
clinical scientist, Poisons Unit



“The clinic makes a real difference to visiting hospital because you don’t have to go over your whole medical history with each clinician every time. The staff have been very good with me – I can’t fault them.”

Leigh Martin has undergone surgery and ongoing monitoring at the new clinic

Above (l-r): Dr Louise Izatt, Chris Jacobs, genetic counsellor and Leigh Martin

## Multidisciplinary follow-up of breast cancer

Funding of £93,796 has provided cancer geneticists Dr Louise Izatt and Dr Gabriella Pichert with the opportunity to organise a multi-disciplinary clinic at Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust for patients who are at a higher risk of getting breast and ovarian cancer.

Five per cent of breast and ovarian cancers are caused by a faulty gene, typically mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes.

The pilot clinic provides every BRCA1 or BRCA2 carrier with annual appointments to see a range of specialists in one setting. The clinic draws on the expertise of cancer geneticists, genetic counsellors, psychologists, oncologists, gynaecologists, breast surgeons and research nurses, offering a comprehensive model of care in conjunction with local care providers.

Patients are offered management pathways based on national recommendations, and can benefit from new clinical practice and take part in research trials if they wish.

## Staff benefits and development

The Charity awards grants that enable staff to undertake training and education which will benefit their personal and professional development, but which is not the responsibility of the NHS.

Grants may also provide national and international travel bursaries, conference expenses and locum cover, or support for staff who want to learn new techniques and methods of delivering healthcare.

Robyn-Lee Rose, an occupational therapist at Guy's Hospital received a grant of £693 to travel and register at the 6th International Federation of Society of Hand Therapists where she presented studies on the Casting Motion to Mobilise Stiffness (CMMS) technique for treating chronic hand stiffness. The Charity then awarded her a grant of £1,500 to arrange for the pioneer of CMMS technique to teach a two-day course at Guy's Hospital.

Robyn-Lee Rose said "It was great to attend the conference and achieve some international recognition for the Trust as well as hearing about developments in treatment."



“There aren't yet many therapists who can use CMMS so it's a fabulous achievement for me to be able to invite colleagues from the United Kingdom and Netherlands to learn more.”

Robyn-Lee Rose, an occupational therapist at Guy's Hospital, pictured above with patient Laura

## Grants Development Programme



“The intermediate healthcare needs of the homeless are often overlooked. We’re now developing a model to better serve these people in Lambeth, Southwark and further afield.”

Dr Adrian McLachlan, pictured above,  
GP facilitator at the Homeless Team,  
Lambeth PCT

The Charity offers grant development support to staff who have an outline idea for a project but who need time, information and encouragement to put together a robust application.

Development support might include covering the costs of time taken to work on an application, the cost of buying in specialist advice, or exploring the possibility of funding to assess the feasibility of an idea before submitting an application for full project funding.

Applications are reviewed by a Reference Group of local people with service development expertise who consider how the proposals fit the Charity’s objectives.

They will recommend any additional help that might be needed before formal submission to the New Services and Innovations Committee.

Dr Adrian McLachlan and the Lambeth PCT Homeless Team were given support to submit an application to investigate intermediate healthcare for the homeless. They were subsequently awarded a small grant of £20,000 to run a feasibility study.

For further information please visit the website: [www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/devsupport.html](http://www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/devsupport.html)

How to apply for a grant

## Guy's and St Thomas' Charity awarded 291 grants last year

Before you submit an application to the Charity you must speak to your line manager to secure their support for your project, and then contact one of the representatives below, who will be able to advise you on your application and on your organisation's approval process:

### For New Services and Innovations:

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#### **South London and Maudsley NHS Trust**

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If you are interested in applying for a grant please visit our website to make sure you are eligible and meet the criteria: [www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/](http://www.gsttcharity.org.uk/grants/)

If you then want advice from the Charity on a proposal please contact:

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