

Grants awarded over £20,000

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Project: Low level drug resistant HIV: implementation of an innovative service

Beneficiary: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £131,500

Having previously awarded a research grant for the development of a test to detect HIV minority species, funding has now been awarded to pilot its use in patients with a view to implementing it as a standard diagnostic test.

Project: Formal evaluation of the new robotic assisted laparoscopic hysterectomy procedure

Beneficiary: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £190,000

The award will fund extending the use of the Da Vinci robot to include gynaecological surgery. Following extensive training, the applicant will undertake fifty operations over two years to compare clinical outcomes with those resulting from conventional surgery. The evaluation will assess whether patients undergoing robotic assisted hysterectomy benefit from improved quality of life, reduced treatment morbidity and reduced post operative length of stay.

Project: Florence Nightingale Museum – inspiring change project

Beneficiary: Florence Nightingale Museum

Award: £303,000 (which includes an allocation of £3,000 under the 1% for art scheme)

Funding will contribute towards a major fundraising appeal to revitalise museum exhibitions, develop a community outreach and professional development programme and an interactive website. The aim of these improvements is to highlight the unique contribution of Florence Nightingale to patient care worldwide and to encourage a renaissance of the nursing values she established.

Project: BME volunteer co-ordinator project

Beneficiary: South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

Award: £55,300

The grant will fund a part-time Volunteer Co-ordinator whose role will be to recruit and train volunteers from BME communities to work with mental health services users from the same communities. The project has come about following consultative meetings with local community groups and should provide the opportunity for greater social inclusion for all participants.

Project: Dorothy Grant and Dolores Diprose Legacy for equipment in CCU

Beneficiary: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Award: Approximately £145,000 from the legacy funds of Dorothy Grant and Dolores Diprose

These generous legacies will be used to fund ECHO and ECG machines for the Coronary Care Unit which will give patients in the unit immediate access to tests.