

Fundraising and donations

NHS organisations in Wales have been donating essential resources to support those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. The NHS in Wales has contributed to the donation of supplies of medical equipment and medicines via a coordinated four nations approach, and in response to specific requests.

Beds are among the items donated, with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CVUHB) donating more than 200 hospital beds. Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) has also sent a consignment of unused field hospital beds to a refugee camp in Moldova, whilst also ensuring that beds were given to support those arriving in the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot areas. It also launched an appeal to health board staff to donate spare new pillows and single duvets, and freshly laundered or new single bed linen in good condition.

Medical supplies have been made available, with the first shipment of medical supplies, including ventilators, bandages and face masks, despatched to Ukraine in March via NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership's IP5 regional distribution centre. CVUHB also donated supplies as part of the Welsh Aid to Ukraine appeal, with the kit delivered in a donated ambulance from the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST). The vehicle was provided through the Ambulances for Ukraine appeal, which was coordinated by Dr Mateo Smidzt, a Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) emergency medicine consultant who works in Prince Charles Hospital.

WAST also announced it would be donating expired consumable medical items to assist the humanitarian aid effort. Items sent to Ukraine include single use resuscitators, trauma dressings, cannulas, syringes, airways and other vital items.

Fundraising has also taken place across services and staff, with examples including £190 raised by the Teddy Bear nursery at University Hospital of Wales in CVUHB. Staff from the cardiac intensive therapy unit and cardiac theatres at Morriston Hospital in SBUHB also undertook a 1,500 mile challenge for the Disaster Emergency Committee for Ukraine.