



An Invitation to Attend
The Smile4Rich Open Day at the Wessex Neurological Centre
Saturday 24th April 2010

I'm delighted to announce that we shall be holding an Open Day at the Wessex Neurological Centre (WNC) on Saturday 24th April 2010. The event will provide an opportunity to see and hear about a number of projects which have been funded by the Smile4Rich Appeal, and to learn more about our current and future aims. Those wishing to attend can choose between morning and afternoon sessions, and staff from the charity and the WNC will be on hand to explain how these projects are benefitting patients, and to answer your questions.

Itinerary (11am to 12.30pm, or 2pm to 3.30pm)

Welcome & Introduction (Neuro Seminar Room – Level A)

An overview of the charity's history and a brief explanation of how the rest of the session will proceed.

Neurological Research Projects (Neuro Seminar Room – Level A)

A brief presentation detailing some of the ground-breaking research work being undertaken thanks to funding from the Smile4Rich Appeal, including the results of a 15-month study to identify chemical markers which may be used to predict Stroke risk in patients who have suffered a brain haemorrhage.

Following this presentation, attendees will be split into smaller groups to tour the unit to learn about some of the projects previously funded by the Smile4Rich Appeal;

A) The Smile4Rich Ambulance (Adjacent to Neuro-Outpatients – Level A)

A familiar sight on the roads around our region, this is your chance to get a close look at this uniquely equipped 'Neuro-Intensive Care bed on wheels', and to hear how almost 2,000 patients have benefitted since its introduction into service in March 2007.

B) The Paediatric Video-Telemetry Suite (Paediatric Neurosurgery Ward – Level C)

Operational since February 2009, you will have the opportunity to visit the PVT Suite and to learn how this £145,000 project is providing surgeons with the data needed to perform life-changing surgery on children with severe epilepsy.

C) Auto-Tilt Sigma Physiotherapy Chair (Neuro-Physiotherapy – Level B)

Our latest acquisition, this specialist piece of equipment is designed to assist our Neuro-Physiotherapy team in the rehabilitation of patients recovering from treatment for a range of neurological conditions and brain/spinal trauma.

Fluorescence Enhanced Neurosurgery (Neuro Seminar Room – Level A)

Our latest appeal, launched in June 2009, aims to raise £200,000 to equip one of the WNC's operating theatres with the latest in neurosurgical operating microscopes, fitted with the revolutionary FL800 Fluorescence Imaging System. Thanks to Leica Microsystems, we shall have one of these state-of-the-art microscopes on display, and you will be given a brief presentation detailing the capabilities and benefits of this system.

Question & Answer Session (Neuro Seminar Room – Level A)

Finally, you will have the chance to ask any questions you may have about the various projects you have seen earlier, and to hear a little about the future aims of the charity.

RSVP

To reserve places at this event, please email neilw@smile4rich.co.uk giving the names of those wishing to attend, and expressing your preference for the morning or afternoon session. Places are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis so please apply early to avoid disappointment.