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Five daredevils aim to raise money for the Lister's urology department



RALPH members taking part in the skydive, pictured left to right: Jason Keener, James Hemmings, Ian Cannonier and Antonio Ciaravella. Not pictured: Peter Joyce.

Stevenage, UK – 7 August 2018 – Five skydivers will be jumping from a plane to raise money for the Lister's urology department. The skydivers are members of the Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Prostatectomy Heroes (RALPH) support group.

The support group will be fundraising on behalf of the East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' charity, to give something back to the team that has helped many of their members. The jump will take place at the end of August and the money raised will be used to buy new medical equipment.

Hitchin resident Antonio Ciaravella, a member of the RALPH support group who is taking part in the skydive, said:

"I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in July 2016 and, after a flurry of tests and procedures, I underwent an operation using state of the art robotic surgery. This was successfully carried out at the Lister in Stevenage by what I can only describe as a terrific team of very special people. I am doing this skydive to give something back in support of those wonderful people."

To donate, [visit their JustGiving page](#) or text EAST24, with your donation amount to 70070.

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The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

The Trust provides a wide range of acute and tertiary care services from four hospitals, namely the: Lister in Stevenage; New QEII in Welwyn Garden City; Hertford County in Hertford; and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood, Middlesex

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East and North Herts Hospitals' Charity

East and North Herts Hospitals Charity supports patients, staff and visitors to the Trust's four hospitals – Hertford County, the Lister, New QEII and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. The charity purchase equipment, help fund medical research and support refurbishment projects.

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