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Generous youngster's bid to bring Christmas cheer to the Lister



Stevenage, UK – 4 December 2018 - This year, Alfie aged nine from Letchworth, is helping to bring Christmas cheer to children at the Lister. He has generously donated £100, a gift from his granny, to the Bluebell ward at the hospital where he was treated for leukaemia.

Alfie was two years old when he received his diagnosis and spent the next four years in and out of hospital. During his time on Bluebell ward, he was given his very own toy box that was put together by the Trust's play specialists for children too poorly to visit the play room. The toy boxes help reduce anxiety and make an unsettling situation more bearable.

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When asked why he wanted to donate his money to East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity, Alfie said:

“Because they [play specialists] helped me, when I had cancer they helped me get through it, they helped me get better. The toy box made a big difference to my stay in hospital, when I wasn't able to leave my room it was nice to have toys to play with and to be able to colour in. I want to make sure other children get to have toys too.”

Alfie is asking for others to follow in his footsteps and to donate to the East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity this Christmas. If you are interested in learning more about the charity and how you can donate, [visit Alfie's Christmas Wish on JustGiving](#) or the [East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity web page](#).

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East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity

East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity exists to support and enhance the fantastic care given within East and North Hertfordshire NHS trust's four hospitals: Hertford County, Lister, New QEII and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. The Charity raises money for projects to improve patient experience, purchase new equipment and fund staff training; ensuring we can go above and beyond for our patients.

For more information, or to donate please [visit the website](#)

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

For more information about the Trust, go to the [website](#).

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