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## **HMS MONMOUTH RAISE FUNDS FOR PREMATURE BABY UNIT**

Sailors from HMS Monmouth visited the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff last Friday to present nurses on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with a cheque for £1,228. The money was raised from various social events organised by the Officer's mess during nine months spent at sea recently.

Unit Manager and Lead Nurse Mary Glover said: "HMS Monmouth have raised over £6,000 for us in recent years and we are very grateful for their help. With this money we hope to buy some more Neopuffs. These produce small, regulated amounts of pressure to inflate a baby's lungs when they cannot breathe for themselves."

Chief Petty Officer Richard Dobson of HMS Monmouth said: "A past member of our Mess had a child that was cared for in the Unit and asked that we support the charity from then onwards.

"We held various functions onboard the ship last year whilst we were away, including Horse Racing nights, and even a Miss Monmouth competition. We are all pleased to support the Special Care Baby Unit in Cardiff and the important work they do every day."

Notes:

Attached photo shows staff from the Special Care Baby Unit, University Hospital of Wales with personnel from HMS Monmouth.

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## Notes for Editors

- Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust is one of the largest in the UK, providing health services for over 500,000 people living in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.
- We also serve a wider population of 2.5 million people across South and Mid Wales for specialties such as paediatric intensive care, specialist children's services, renal services, cardiac services, neurology, bone marrow transplantation and medical genetics.
- We provide healthcare in people's own homes, community clinics, and hospitals, for outpatient, inpatient and emergency care. We manage nine hospitals and seventeen health centres, and also provide services in health centres run by our NHS partner organisations both within Cardiff and the Vale and beyond, in Caerphilly and Merthyr for example.
- Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust's nine hospitals are; Barry Hospital, Cardiff Royal Infirmary West Wing, Children's Hospital for Wales, Llandough Hospital, Rookwood Hospital, St David's Hospital, University Dental Hospital, University Hospital of Wales, and Whitchurch Hospital.
- We are a teaching trust with close links to Cardiff University's Wales College of Medicine, Biology, Life and Health Sciences. The University boasts a high profile teaching, research and development role within the UK and abroad. Together we are training the next generation of medical professionals.
- In 2005 - 2006 our Trust's total income was £576 million and we employed over 13,500 staff.
- For more information, visit our website [www.cardiffandvale.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.cardiffandvale.wales.nhs.uk).