

Press Release for The Platelet Charity

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Donation to Bristol Childrens Hospital - Oncology Day Beds 'Treasure Box'

The Platelet Charity Trustee, June May, was today delighted to present a cheque for £100 to Anna Farrell & Susan Fackrell - staff at Bristol Childrens Hospital Oncology Day Beds. As the Regional Centre for diagnosing and treating a wide range of blood disorders, the ward plays a vital role for supporting children and their families across the whole of the South West of England. Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Anna Farrell says that the centre is fortunate to have the support of medical research in blood disorders, allowing specific analysis and testing of patients' blood. "Giving blood can be stressful for anyone", says ward Sister Susan Fackrell and goes on to say that 'we use our 'Treasure Box' full of little gifts to both entice and distract our young patients when needed. This donation will ensure that our Treasure Box is topped up for the coming months - helping make a visit to the ward for treatment less of an ordeal".

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The Platelet Charity is a registered charity which raises funds for research and increases awareness for Platelet Function Disorders.

Platelet Function Disorders are rare blood conditions that affect only 2000 - 5000 in the UK. The term 'Platelet Function Disorder' (PFD) could be applied to any condition where

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platelets do not work properly. Platelets are small particles in the blood that stick together at sites on injury (for example after a cut) to form a "plug" and stop the bleeding. If your platelets don't work properly you bleed more than normal and this can vary from minor bruising to life threatening bleeding after surgery or an accident.



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