North Middlesex University Hospital invests in vital neonatal care

Dräger has completed a major project with North Middlesex University Hospital to support the opening of a new women and children’s centre and to help the hospital provide high levels of care for thousands of newborn babies each year.

The new women and children’s centre, which includes a neonatal unit, is part of an £80 million expansion at North Middlesex University Hospital. An extra 1,800 babies a year are expected to be delivered at the hospital, bringing the total number of births to 5,500.

Dräger worked with North Middlesex University Hospital through the lifecycle of the project. This included providing ceiling supply units, and supplying a range of equipment to care for the complex needs of preterm babies within the neonatal unit.

Dräger provided neonatal ventilation life support technology, incubators to maintain the new-born temperature and jaundice management devices.

Dräger also continues to work closely with the staff, offering ongoing training and support.

Felicity Manning, Neonatal Account Manager at Dräger, said: “We were delighted to be selected to work with North Middlesex University Hospital at this exciting time as it expands to serve more people across North London.

“As the hospital begins to see more patients and birth rates increase, it’s vital that preterm babies, who are often the most vulnerable, are able to receive potentially life-saving treatment.

“In the UK one in 10 babies are born prematurely, which means they are less than 37 weeks old at the time of birth. This equates to around 8,000 babies each year in the UK who could be more likely to have complications
such as breathing problems, infection, jaundice and defects such as heart valve abnormalities.

“We have developed a great relationship with the staff at North Middlesex University Hospital and the investment made by the hospital has ensured that newborn babies in the area will have access to vital equipment which can save lives and help babies achieve a healthy weight.”

Janet Broughton, Neonatal Matron from North Middlesex University Hospital said: “Our new unit is stunning. We are able to nurse very sick babies in a high tech, yet calm environment.

“We’re delighted to have been able to equip our new neonatal unit with so much excellent equipment - it gives our babies the best chance possible for a healthy future and gives their mums the reassurance they want that their babies will do well in our care. Felicity and her team have supported the neonatal unit from design and installation right through to ongoing support and training.”

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