

How the Cavitron Fund makes a difference...

“Undergoing complex brain surgery inside 10 minutes, without the need for cutting open a patient’s head, sounds like the stuff of science fiction. But pioneering techniques involving hi-tech lasers which eradicate tumours or tackle blood vessel abnormalities are now happening on our doorstep.

In a remarkable breakthrough, teams of scientists, physicists and radiographers are pushing back the boundaries of knowledge by carrying out trailblazing operations at Derriford hospital. For them, it is a fantastic opportunity to be at the cutting edge of new ways of operating - where so much pioneering work goes on every day - at the forefront of UK hospitals.

Devon and Cornwall patients are now getting the very latest treatments without the need to travel hundreds of miles from home, and it means that lives are being transformed and improved beyond measure as knowledge is being gained and new techniques are put into action.

For example, the incredible operation that Rosemary Philp underwent shows just how far things are progressing. Amazing surgery involving lasers and hi-tech equipment means that she could undergo 10 minutes of treatment and be allowed home later the same day. What a fantastic boost for her, and what a comfort for others awaiting similar surgery.

Best of all, the m3 machine which makes all this possible was paid for by the Cavitron Fund - which means that the fundraising efforts of local people are being put to the best possible use in breakthrough operations. What a fantastic reward.”

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