University Hospitals Birmingham Charity and National Grid join forces to launch million-pound coronavirus funding appeal

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University Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) Charity has joined forces with National Grid to launch a special appeal to raise much-needed funds for patients and staff through the coronavirus pandemic.

The £1 million fundraising appeal, which has been launched in partnership with the National Health Service Charities COVID-19 Urgent Appeal, will provide support to the trusts’ front-line staff and patients, enabling them to continue providing care and treatment to the thousands of people who rely on it across the region.

UHB Charity aims to provide equipment, research and additional tasks that are not covered by the NHS to support UHB front-line staff and patients to continue providing care and treatment to the thousands of people who rely on it across the region.

During the COVID-19 crisis, many members of the public are unable to travel or may be isolating themselves, but they can still make a donation to support the appeal.

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National Grid President and CEO Samuel Prado said: "We are delighted to launch today’s appeal to support the essential work of UHB and our NHS colleagues across our region, and we are committed to do all that we can to help in this difficult time."

"One of the most moving things we heard from staff and patients was how important and welcome it was to receive help from National Grid, who were able to work quickly to provide essential equipment to patient care areas. It is an example of the outstanding help people are still providing despite the lockdown.

In partnership with the hospital’s leadership team, National Grid has already donated £9,000 worth of urgent medical equipment, including protective masks, gloves, face shields and PPE for coronavirus patients.

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