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WRVS LAUNCH 'WELCOME GUIDE' SERVICE AND PRESENT £80, 000 CHEQUE AT BGH

Visitors to the Borders General Hospital will now be met by a 'welcome guide service' run by the WRVS.

The service was officially launched yesterday at the Hospital along with presentation of cheque for £80,000 to go towards medical equipment. The donation is residual profit from WRVS Shop in BGH

Newest recruit Alan Tweed, who has been a volunteer for five weeks and does the newspaper round on Mondays, and Rosemary McDougall, who has 52 years service with WRVS in various roles, presented the cheque to NHS Borders Chair Mary Wilson.

The presentation took place during the annual 'thank you' event in the BGH to recognise the hard work and contributions made by the WRVS within the Hospital.

Mary Wilson, Chair, NHS Borders, said: "Every year NHS Borders says a heartfelt thank you to all of the WRVS volunteers who freely give their time and help to the health services in the Borders. They do this by supporting patients and fundraising.

"I should like to offer a very special thank you this year to the WRVS for all of their hard work through the year. This has resulted in them raising a magnificent £80,000. The 'welcome service' will go a long way to enhancing and supporting the care we give our patients and their families.

"Volunteers enhance the services NHS Borders provides, benefit patients and help build stronger communities. The first week in June is National Volunteers Week and as NHS Borders is working towards achieving Investing in Volunteers, the work of WRVS illustrates the invaluable contribution they make."

Stephen McIlroy the WRVS Service Delivery Manager said: "We are extremely pleased to be able to present £80, 000 towards the BGH and continue to work with the BGH in establishing a new information service".

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Notes to Editors:

Photo attached left to right Alan Tweed WRVS Volunteer, Mary Wilson Chair NHS Borders, Elaine Thornton-Nichol WRVS Local Service Manager, Rosemary McDougall WRVS Volunteer.

For more information on Volunteering Week see www.volunteersweek.org.uk

For more information on Investing in Volunteers see <http://iiv.investinginvolunteers.org.uk/Introduction/inyourcountry/scotland/>

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