

# District EBox Project



Our District was able to fund a brand-new innovative project to support our NHS and, in particular, hospitals in Wales. Past District Governors Steve Jenkins and Mike Parry are helping to load the first boxes to be dispatched.

31 Clubs have donated £3,100 to fund approximately 45-50 EBOX Endoscopy boxes for hospitals in Southern Wales. This innovative product has been developed by a team at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, led by consultant radiologist Ashley Roberts, to restart vital procedures which were suspended by the Covid-19 crisis.

At a cost of just £60 per box the prototype has been used successfully on more than 40 procedures representing amazing value for money and attracting growing interest. Rotarians in Southern Wales have been leading the way and addressing a critical need in these exceptional times so that every club donating £100 has therefore funded at least one box.

A research paper has now been published in the British Medical Journal which will raise the awareness of this product among the medical profession. The BMJ article can be found [here](#);



It is probable that there will be a significant increase in demand for the EBOX although the immediate challenge is in securing a supply of acrylic to manufacture the box, affected by an increased demand for protective screens and the reduced demand for refined petroleum.

We will continue to take a close interest in the development of this product in the months ahead.

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