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CANCER
SCREENING
APPEAL

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Endoscopy allows examination of the throat, lungs, stomach, bowel or bladder. About 3% of the population will have an endoscopy this year and this will increase with the introduction of the NHS National Bowel Screening Programme.

Bedford has put forward a bid to become a screening centre for Bowel Cancer in partnership with Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust. Bowel Cancer Screening aims to detect disease before it gives rise to symptoms and when treatment is most likely to be effective.

Regular bowel screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer by 16%. **Bedford Hospital NHS Trust hopes to upgrade all its existing endoscopy equipment to provide a first class service for the people of Bedford and surrounding areas.** The new equipment will ensure that people needing treatment locally will be treated in a state-of-the-art department.

The appeal hopes to raise £400,000 towards purchasing this equipment.

- Endoscopes are long flexible tubes through which pictures can be transmitted to a television screen.
- With endoscopes it is possible to see inside many parts of the body without having an operation.
- Many procedures can be carried out through the 'scopes.
- Newer instruments are smaller and more easily guided which ensures greater patient comfort and makes them more versatile for diagnosis and treatment.



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The Bedford Hospitals Charity has raised over **£5.5million** pounds for a variety of projects since it was founded in 1988. The most notable was the Primrose Appeal for a purpose built Cancer Unit which raised £2.35million.

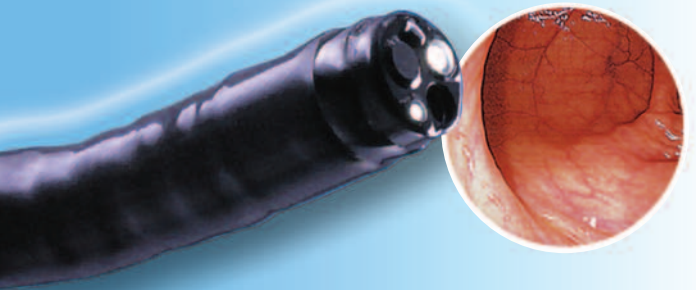
Most recently £300,000 was raised for the Chemotherapy Preparation Unit Appeal.

The Charity has achieved so much by harnessing the generosity of the people of Bedford and surrounding districts.



With the new cystoscopes we will be able to treat bladder cancer as well as make the diagnosis





OUR AIM

In partnership with the Trust to equip Bedford Hospital with the best available equipment - now!

Who to contact if you would like further help or information about the Charity

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