

Mosque hospice donation

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Members of the Watford Mosque Committee have visited the [Peace Hospice](#) to make a donation worth £2,000.

The group, led by trustee Rashid Choudhrey, yesterday (Wednesday) met Stuart Naglar, the hospice's chairman of trustees, alongside chief executive Sue Plummer, community fundraising manager Gill Crowson, director of fundraising and communications Paul Gauntlett, and Watford [Mayor Dorothy Thornhill](#).

The money was raised through fundraising, particularly donations at Friday prayers, at the Watford Central Mosque, in Cambridge Road, and the North Watford Mosque, in North Western Avenue.

Charitable donations worth £3million a year are needed to help meet the running costs of the hospice, in Peace Drive, as only a quarter of its £4million budget is met by Government funding.

Mr Choudhrey, who presented the donation alongside Mr Yaqub, Mr Bhatti, Mr Khan and Mr Saleem, the Watford Central Mosque Imam, said the hospice provided a "vital service".

"We are here to support the local hospice. We try to make a regular donation," he said.

"We believe they provide a vital service and we want to be a partner in that to make sure the service is alive and the good service is kept as it is.

"We try to keep in the local community at every level. Services in Watford are going to reach us as much as everybody else. We're very lucky to have this type of service."

Mr Nagler told the visitors: "We very much welcome the relationship [with you] and your support. We very much believe in serving more and more people of the community from whatever background so your support is very welcome."

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