



Iraq

Bradford Hospitals has donated old bedding and hospital equipment to the humanitarian relief programme in Iraq.

The Trust contributed to a donation of over £1 million in medical aid, raised by hospitals throughout the UK.

Director of equality and diversity, Dilshad Khan, said: "This is the latest in a number of initiatives we have launched as part of our International Health Link project.

"We have forged links of mutual benefit with a growing number of countries worldwide and we are pleased to be able to support the humanitarian relief programme in Iraq in this way.

"We have responded quickly to the request for help and it is good for Bradford to be playing such a prominent role in the work that is continuing to help the communities in Iraq. This is a massive consignment which we know will get to the heart of where it is needed." The donations were collected by the Human Relief Foundation as part of their Rebuilding Humanity in Iraq campaign. Items shipped to Iraq include 700 wheelchairs, 685 hospital mattresses, 48 crates of bed linen, 40 computers, three anaesthetic machines and one ambulance.

Trust Chief Executive David Jackson and Director of Equality and Diversity, Dilshad Khan with Dr Abdul Quddus Akhtar and Dr Abdul Majeed Khan.

With pic: COMPASSIONATE CARGO (Left to right) – Equality and diversity director Dilshad Khan, linen service manager Arthur Clark and Human Relief Foundation managing director Dr Najeeb Rahman prepare the Trust's donation.

Diary date

A conference – *Promoting Global Awareness: International Health Links in the NHS* – is being held in March, hosted by the local NHS and the Tropical Health and Education Trust. Speakers will be the Minister for International Development, Hilary Benn MP, and Chief Medical Officer, Sir Liam Donaldson. The conference is aimed at health care professionals and managers who want to develop or strengthen international health links.