

Hospital equipment goes abroad

TWO lorries filled with hospital beds and mattresses are due to be shipped abroad for charity.

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has donated 100 beds and mattresses to charity – after saving them from the scrapheap following an upgrade of its beds.

Half will go to Iraq, courtesy of the Human Relief Foundation, based in Bradford.

The remaining 50 will go to the Jalalabad Disabled Rehab Centre and Hospice in Bangladesh.

David Ireland, an assistant director for risk and occupational health at the trust, who has organised the donations, said: "We are very happy to be able to provide surplus equipment to areas of the world that have a greater need. If we were not donating the beds to charity, then they would have been scrapped.

"Our thanks go to HQ Forklifts and Driver Hire Hereward, who have donated a forklift and driver, and to Give Us A Lift, based in Huntingdon, for assisting in the transportation to Bangladesh.

The beds are due to be loaded and taken to the charities on Thursday.

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