

# Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers



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Dear Steph

On behalf of Serv Suffolk & Cambridge, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Committee members of Copdock Classic Motorcycle Club for choosing Serv as their fundraising charity during 2011 and for raising £7,000.00 for our group. We are truly overwhelmed with this fantastic donation.

We have had a busy year launching with two hospitals in Suffolk i.e. Ipswich Hospital on 8th May followed by West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds in June. We are now ready to launch with Peterborough City Hospital (PCH) on 5<sup>th</sup> December, for which a Press Release is due to be distributed to various media by the hospital on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Once PCH are up and running and everything running smoothly, we hope to launch with Papworth mid January, this is still to be confirmed. We are already working with Addenbrookes, albeit not on a direct basis due to them having a contractual arrangement in place with an external courier company. Once this has expired, Addenbrookes Transfusion Manager has expressed keen interest to work with us also.

We have been recruiting heavily over the last few months, and currently have nearly 50 members within the group. We offer training for newly recruited members every two months. Places for our next training session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, is already oversubscribed, with February also heading that way.

With the donation received from CCMC we were fortunate enough to be able to purchase a fully livered blood bike from Severn Freewheelers a BMW RT1200. In addition to the bike, the money received from CCMC also enabled us to insure the bike for one year as well as purchase a 4ft x 6ft box trailer for use during fundraising events to transport equipment around. The trailer has been fully liveried with Serv Suffolk & Cambridge name and both the bike and trailer has CCMC visible for all to see.

As you are aware, the service we offer to our NHS hospitals is completely free of charge, thus allowing the NHS to direct saved funds into patient care. We have been informed by one hospital that the saving to the NHS is £1.64 per mile based on NHSBT transport costs. Earlier this week we had a request from West Suffolk Hospital to take urgent samples to Bristol. The call came through at approx. 7.30pm, the rider was despatched and the package reached the it's destination in Bristol at 0030hrs next morning. This was achieved by a relay system with Serv Herts & Beds, Serv OBN and Severn Freewheelers. I am sure I do not need to highlight the cost saving provided to the NHS by using our service.

Once again, thank you for supporting Serv Suffolk & Cambridge. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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