

## Press release

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### **Staff at Pilgrim thanked for outstanding care**

The wife of a man who died after a long battle with heart problems has thanked staff at Pilgrim Hospital with an unusual gift.

Beryl Crowder, of Holbeach, wanted to thank all the staff on the Coronary Care Unit at Pilgrim Hospital for the fantastic care and treatment her husband, Bill received. Mrs Crowder wanted every member of staff to benefit from her gift so has donated £500 to buy personalised jackets for those who cared for him.

Mr Crowder had been a regular visitor to Pilgrim and had suffered about 10 heart attacks in the past.

He passed away at the hospital in July at the age of 75. Beryl and Bill had been childhood sweethearts and married for 54 years.

Beryl said: "He couldn't have had better treatment if he had been Royalty. The Wards were clean and I cannot fault any of the nursing staff because they all looked after Bill."

Among those who supported 73-year-old Beryl was housekeeper Pam White.

Pam said: "Bill was in and out of hospital and I used to look forward to seeing him when he was in. He was a lovely person, a well mannered and nice man – just a lovely person. I used to go down and have a cup of tea with Beryl and have got to know her well over the years."

James Hodgkins, Unit Manager, said: "I would like to thank Beryl on behalf of all the staff here. This donation is most welcome and for those, like myself, who came to know Bill on his many visits, it is something that we can always fondly remember him by. The jackets can be worn by staff at lunchtimes and when staff travel to and from work. This way everybody benefits a little bit from the donation."

The £500 donation will enable staff to purchase around 40 of the jackets.

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### Note to editors:

Please find attached a photograph of Bill Crowder (top) and Cardiology staff from Pilgrim Hospital (bottom) with Mrs Crowder (seated centre) and her neighbour Rita Ward (seated second from right)



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