

Warrior Doors Collection & Fundraiser for Ward 516 at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

On the morning of April 21st, I received a text message from my daughter Esther, who is working as a Nurse at the QE on Ward 516, the hospital's respiratory ward, treating Coronavirus (Covid-19) patients. She had this to say:

“Dad, do you think people at your church or any other people you know would want to make little care packages for patients on our ward?”

At the moment it's really lonely for patients, there are no TVs in the rooms so they have nothing to do, some of them don't have family bringing things up for them... so they are literally just in a room on their own with nothing at all to do.

I've been down to the shop on most of my shifts to buy either the paper or crossword books for people to do things.. don't know if your able to get the word out and see if people want to donate anything that would be great.. things we would need are:

- **Books & Pens**
- **Radios (we only have one on the ward)**
- **Small portable DVD players**
- **Crosswords, colouring pens and books**
- **Knitting needles & wool”**

At Warrior Doors we have decided to support the frontline workers the patients on Ward 516 at the QE through organising a collection of the above key items. If you feel you can help with any of the above items please see the information below on how to get involved and donate.

Donation Drop-Off & Collection

We have set up our factory as a central drop-off point for donated items. Please note it is still a working factory so for everyone's safety, social distancing rules are being strictly adhered to along with drop-off times.

Drop-off times are between **10:00 - 12:00** and **15:00 - 16:00**. Our factory address is:
Unit 4, Kings Rd Industrial Estate, Kings Rd, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AX

We understand that at this time some people are unable to leave their homes, so we will try and help out when it comes to collecting any donated items.

To arrange a drop-off or collection of any donate items, please contact either Gwen and Mani from my team at Warrior Doors on the numbers below:

•Gwen: 07903030780
•Mani: 07584220716

Please *don't* call Warrior Doors' main line, as this has been diverted to an individual's mobile, as most of our company staff are on furlough and the line is constantly busy. Thank you.

If we get more than we need for Ward 516 at the QE, we will offer any further items to other wards or hospitals locally. If we get more than we can cope with we will pass on to charities as a last resort. **Please do not try to donate or drop-off items to the hospital directly due to the ongoing pandemic.**

Warrior Doors' Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity Fundraiser

We have also set up a Justgiving page to raise money directly for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity. The charity helps support patients, families and staff by providing 'added extras' that the NHS wouldn't normally be able to supply.

So if you are unable to donate items to our collection, or would like to support in another way, our fundraiser provides you with an avenue to do so. You can find Warrior Doors' fundraiser at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/warrior-doors-qehbc-fundraiser>

Thank you all for your support and generosity in these hard times.

Stay Safe

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