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S.U.R.E. is justifiably proud that audited accounts show expenses are less than 0.5p in the pound.

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To donate on line please visit our website, www.surecharity.org.uk and follow the link to BT Mydonate. If you are a taxpayer gift aid forms can be downloaded or obtained from the Treasurer.

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Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment

**A Registered Local Charity raising Funds to equip the Somerset cancer centre,
The Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital
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Charity Registration No 1102299



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S.U.R.E. AND THE LOCAL CANCER CENTRE

S.U.R.E. (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment) is a local independent registered charity for local people. Our sole objective is to raise funds to help provide top class cancer diagnosis and treatment at the Cancer Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

The Cancer Centre is known as the Beacon Centre and was opened in 2009. It forms part of the Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust. The Centre offers a full range of specialist healthcare including Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy and Haematology Services.

How has SURE contributed to the Beacon Centre?

SURE donated the CT Scanner/Simulator suite in Radiotherapy and has provided over 50 other pieces of equipment that have improved patient treatment and patient safety.

Equipment provided includes the following:-

[Patient Immobilisation systems](#)
[Skin Cancer Treatment Machine](#)
[Mould Room Facility](#)
[IMRT Software/Workstations](#)
[Large Flat Screen Computers](#)

4DCT Imaging System -Takes into account patient and tumour movement resulting in less damage to surrounding healthy tissue, particularly useful when targeting radiotherapy treatment to the chest area, to compensate for the patient breathing cycle.

S.U.R.E. funded a CT Scanner/Simulator in 2009, costing £400k plus £50k per year for 2 years maintenance. The Scanner has a limited working life and is scheduled to be replaced in 2018. S.U.R.E. agreed to fund the new machine at an estimated cost of £500k and launched a campaign to raise the money. True to S.U.R.E. principles the new machine will be technically advanced and include additional benefits, for example the ability to plan treatment for patients with metal joints. (Metal Joints without compensation cause distorted Images).

The campaign was very successful with a £550k target (including maintenance costs) achieved during 2016, (9 months early!), thanks to some very welcome and generous legacies and the fantastic response from the people of Somerset.

A very big thankyou to all our supporters. You are making it possible for many beneficial treatments to be delivered at the Beacon Centre. You are making a real difference.

You may think S.U.R.E. can now relax and funding the Beacon Centre is less important. This is certainly not the case, technology and cancer treatments move on and the demand for S.U.R.E. to help improve or provide new treatments remains very strong. S.U.R.E. needs to help the Beacon Centre maintain it's standard of excellence to ensure cancer patients benefit from more efficient, precise radiotherapy with less side effects and better chances of good recovery.

In 2016 SURE was able to commit £70,774 of funding to providing additional equipment to the Radiotherapy Department at the Beacon Centre along with other equipment to the wider Oncology departments to further improve patient treatment and outcomes.

Details of all the projects funded by SURE in past years can be found on the SURE website at www.surecharity.org.uk

2017 and Beyond.

In 2017 SURE has already committed **£100,000** of funding to provide equipment and support not otherwise available within the NHS budget. These include:

Medical Voice Recognition System. Software for the histopathology service at Musgrove Park Hospital, allowing reports to be produced without the need for re-typing, using a specialist dictionary. This speeds up production of biopsy reports and improves accuracy.

Paperless Working. SURE is supporting the expansion of paperless working practises into the Radiotherapy Physics department by funding the purchase of required software licences.

Radiotherapy Bladder Preparation Management. SURE is funding the purchase of 2 ultrasound bladder scanners, to be used before patients have their radiotherapy planning scan and treatments, to reduce the need for repeat preparation time, minimise additional radiation dose from multiple xrays, reduce patient waiting times and improve overall patient comfort, experience and quality of care.

HOPE Counselling Centre. SURE has committed funds in support of setting up the new HOPE Counselling Centre, allowing two specialist counsellors to provide support to cancer patients and their families in a quiet, friendly atmosphere close to the Beacon Centre.

MRI Ultrasound Fusion. SURE is funding the upgrade of the existing Ultrasound machine to enable MRI fusion for the targetted diagnosis of Prostate cancer, superimposing the suspected prostate cancer lesion from the MRI onto the ultrasound machine, ensuring more accurate targeting of the suspicious area. Without fusion scanning there is a risk of missing significant prostate cancers on biopsy, potentially leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment.

Musgrove Park Hospital needs a new MRI scanner

SURE is supporting Musgrove Park Hospital's campaign to raise £1 million to provide Musgrove with a much-needed, brand new, high specification MRI scanner.

SURE is supporting this campaign as recent analysis has shown that over 25% of MRI use is either for cancer diagnosis, treatment planning or follow up, and MRI use is increasing as new methods of diagnosis and treatment are introduced, such as the MRI Ultrasound Fusion above.

SURE has already pledged the first **£100,000** to the new MRI and is seeking to raise further funds towards the £1M target during 2017.

SURE is committed to doing this whilst continuing to fund the purchase of new equipment and services for the Beacon Centre and other improvements in cancer diagnosis and treatment. If you would like to make a donation towards the new MRI or run a fundraising event for the new MRI you can do so on SURE's BT Mydonate donation page:
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newmriformusgrove/438424>