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**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY WE WERE ABLE TO FINANCE
4 SETS OF THE AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT USED BY THE SLTs IN NORWICH, STEVENAGE,
PETERBOROUGH AND NORTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL!!
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!!**

We are aware that some speech and language therapists working with the Cleft patients across the network didn't have funds for audiovisual equipments.

Fifteen years ago CLAPA Stevenage funded the first camera and television set up where Dr Anne Harding-Bell (Lead Specialist Speech and Language Therapists for Addenbrooke's) trialled video therapy with considerable effect. It would be extremely helpful if we would be able to fund camera, microphone, tripod, a case and a stock of mini dv tapes for other main outreach clinics. These are the clinics where clinician working specifically with the cleft population in their trust. Currently Norfolk funds 0.4 specialist cleft time; Stevenage funds 0.4, Kettering funds 0.2, Northampton funds 2 sessions and Suffolk funds 0.6.

The cost of a complete set of camera equipment and accessories is currently about £1,200.00. This will ensure that the quality of service is more equitable and will also make it possible for clinicians locally to carry out video therapy which may substantially increase the effectiveness of therapy. They will also be able to evaluate video therapy as an intervention and children will be able to use DVD at home what might encourage more regular practice.

A professional standard video camera for SLTs at Addenbrooke's Hospital, will allow the cleft team to upload video recording directly to a computer thereby facilitating editing and electronic storage for medical notes.

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