



Heart Screening Event – May Half Term 2018

It hardly seemed two minutes since the CRY team were here in November 2017, but May came around quickly and the next screening session at South Hunsley School Sports Hall was upon us. Again, the £7,000 cost was covered by past donations to Jamie's Fund at CRY.

Jenny and Graham popped along on the preceding Sunday to set up the basic layout for the event, by moving screens and tables to create ECG bays, an Ultrasound bay, a reception area, seating for patients and a private room for the doctor to see patients and discuss their ECG results.

Ralph Knox, the CRY Screening Manager / Driver arrived at South Hunsley School at 8am on Tuesday 29th May accompanied by Alice Toon (CRY Admin and Registration).

As usual, Ralph brought with him all the necessary equipment needed to run the event. In came ECG machines, fold out / pop up beds and all necessary ancillary items such as pillows and additional privacy screens. By 8.45am the room was ready and the first patient arrived at 8.50am..!

On this occasion, the CRY team consisted of Ralph & Alice as coordinators / registration team with Pauline, Sheila and Helen carrying out the ECG work. Jan was in charge of any required ultrasound tests and assisted with the ECG work when she was able to. CRY Research Fellow, Lucy was the Doctor who reviewed every single ECG print over the two days!

Graham & Jenny once again joined the team for most of the time and transported them to and from the hotel, as well as providing lunch for the team each day. They chatted to a few of the people who had attended for the free heart screening and spent some time promoting the event live on social media to fill the spaces available when people failed to turn up. Surprisingly, over the two days a staggering 33 people failed to attend. Thankfully, the power of social media stepped in and around half of those places were filled by walk-ins on the day.

Over the two days, the team screened 194 young people. Of those screened, 6 had an additional ultrasound echocardiogram and 10 people were referred to their GP for further investigation.

CRY statistics show that 1:100 people screened will be found to have an irregularity with their heart and 1:300 will have a potentially life-changing condition. These statistics are seemingly borne out by the results of this two day event.

The next event is at South Hunsley School on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October 2018, so why not book a place or pop along on the off-chance of a cancellation. Details nearer the time!