

Media release

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Hospital desperately needs crutches returned

Wairarapa Hospital is desperate to track down any crutches that people may have finished with but have not yet returned.

Charge Nurse Manager, Kathryn Wadsworth, says stocks are very low. “We are down to our last few pairs of crutches and we are continually having to order in more, at significant cost, when we know there must be dozens of pairs no longer needed out there in the community.”

Wairarapa District Health Board is asking people to look at home for crutches they may have forgotten about. These can be returned, no questions asked, to the hospital’s main reception. South Wairarapa residents can drop crutches off at their local medical centres.

“We often see more injuries with summer sports and the festive season,” says Kathryn. “People need crutches when they have an acute injury, and we know there are plenty out there, forgotten and unused.

“We really appreciate people returning them promptly when they have finished with them because there is always a demand.”

Any other hospital equipment, such as splints or walking frames, can also be returned.

Ends.

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