



***East Grinstead & District Lions  
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**The Lions ladies give the Ambulances 200 Teddy bears**

CHILDREN travelling in ambulances across Sussex and the South East will be comforted by teddy bears donated by the East Grinstead Lions.

The Lions ladies handed 200 Buster Bears, complete with East Grinstead sashes, to representatives of the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

The bears are given to children who are being treated in an ambulance or are with a relative receiving care from ambulance clinicians.

Ambulance clinicians sometimes mimic the treatment they are giving to children on the bears to help ease the child's fear of being treated.

Keith Mitchell, clinical team leader at East Grinstead ambulance station, said: "We are very grateful to the ladies for these bears. Being treated in an ambulance can be very upsetting for a child and these bears can help take a bit of that fear away."

This is the fourth donation that the Lions ladies have donated to the trust making a total of 750 teddies since 2001

The bears were purchased with funds raised throughout the year at a range of events including the East Grinstead Lions' May Fair.

Sue Sutcliffe, wife of the East Grinstead Lions' president, said: "It is a pleasure to be able to present the ambulance service with these bears. It's good to know that they will help bring comfort to sick and injured children."