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**Carol Smillie hits the road in new hospice car
For immediate release**

Pictures attached – credit: Martin Shields

Carol Smillie was in the driving seat when The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow, took delivery of a brand new car for staff, kindly donated by Taggarts. The Land Rover Discovery Sport SE means clinical and fundraising teams will be able to get out on the road in comfort and style when they are working in the community.

“What an amazing car, this will make such a difference when the clinical and fundraising teams are working. Both Taggarts and I are long-time supporters of the hospice, and they have been incredibly generous in donating this beautiful car, all of the staff are absolutely delighted,” said Carol.

The car in Yulong white metallic paint has an on the road price of £34,670, and comes with six-speed transmission, heated front seats, partial leather seats, seven airbags, cruise control, Bluetooth and colour TFT driver information centre.

“We’re delighted to support The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice with the use of a new Land Rover Discovery Sport to help the clinical and fundraising teams get out and about in the local area,” said Brian Herlihy, market area director of Taggarts Motor Group.

“Taggarts Motor Group has supported the hospice for a number of years now and we’re proud to help such a worthwhile charity in the local community. The use of the Land Rover Discovery Sport will provide the hospice staff with a very comfortable and versatile seven-seat vehicle, perfect for visiting patients or attending events.”

Taggarts is part of Lookers Plc, and is the trading name for Lookers’ Jaguar, Land Rover and Volvo franchises in Scotland.

Lookers helped the hospice last year by donating a new Dacia Sandero car for the Buy a Brick prize draw, encouraging donations and introducing new supporters to the hospice.

“A massive hospice thank you goes to Taggarts for this beautiful Land Rover Discovery Sport, and to Lookers for donating the Dacia Sandero. Without the generosity of companies like Taggarts and Lookers, we just couldn’t reach our targets as quickly. It means so much to the patients and staff here at the hospice,” added Carol.

Heather Manson, the hospice's director of fundraising, said staff were absolutely delighted at the incredible backing from Taggarts and Lookers.

"We can't thank them enough, it's a fantastic car and hospice staff are proud to be out on the road showing the strong support we receive from Taggarts and Lookers," she said.

The hospice provides free palliative care and is moving to a new purpose-built site in Bellahouston Park next year, on land gifted by Glasgow City Council.

About 1200 patients and family members are cared for by the hospice each year.

The total of the £21million Brick by Brick Appeal to build a new home for Glasgow's Hospice has now reached £19.6m. To donate £5, text BRICK to 70660 or make a donation online at www.ppwh.org.uk/donate.

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Notes to Editors:

About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice at Carlton Place, Glasgow, is a charity, founded in 1980.

We provide free person-centred and family-focused palliative care and support. Our specialist staff and wonderful volunteers are trained to work with those individuals and families who are living with significant challenges to their health and wellbeing.

The hospice depends on the generosity of supporters and the community to raise the £3.1million annually in voluntary donations that is required to maintain our invaluable services for the people of Glasgow.

We have outgrown our much-loved hospice building – it no longer meets our requirements or vision for the future of care of patients and their families – and are raising £21m to build a brand new, purpose-built hospice on a leafy green site in the city's Bellahouston Park. Patients are expected to move in 2018.

Our aim is to bring 21st-century hospice care to the people of Glasgow, a major step forward in the provision of palliative care services, providing us with the flexibility to develop and improve our services and lower our age limit to 16-year-old patients.

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