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**ARMY'S COOL MOVE CHEERS HOSPITAL**

The nurses and patients of Az Zubayr hospital in southern Iraq reckon the British Army is 'really cool' – and no wonder.

The hospital has just taken delivery of two large fridge freezers, donated by the soldiers of 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery Battlegroup.

The fridges, bought out of regimental funds, will be used for the storage of life-saving medicines and vaccines. Keeping the drugs in cool temperatures prolongs their shelf life and avoids shortages.

The fridge freezers, emblazoned with the British flag, were handed over to Dr Khalid Alifaklum, senior doctor at the hospital, by Lieutenant Colonel Richard Nugee MBE, the battlegroup's Commanding Officer.

Lt Col Nugee said: "There has been a certain amount of neglect within the healthcare infrastructure of the south Basrah province; we hope that these gifts will go a little way to improving the situation."

Photos attached:

Handover – Dr Khalid Alifaklum gratefully receives the freezers on behalf of Az Zubayr hospital from Lt Col Richard Nugee