

## QMCG PREFERRED ITEMS LIST 2016

- \* many **hats, gloves and scarves** for all ages especially for boys and men (i.e. the most boring, dull colours as possible are most acceptable)  
chunky preferred as they are warmer; hats long enough to cover ears or with ear flaps;  
fingerless gloves for adults;  
mittens for up to 7 years;

light weight cardigans for elderly ladies;  
cardigans and jumpers for elderly men;  
leg warmers – some with feet;  
bed socks – some for men;  
bedjackets;

- \* blankets (4' x 6' ((120cm x 180cm)) minimum) rather than knee blankets, these, especially crocheted ones, are much appreciated by the street people in central London.

- \* for Neonatal (3lbs and 4lbs and smaller) babies: because of worries about cross infection, hats, booties, cardigans and blankets are given to each baby for use in the hospital, laundered by parents and then taken home usually 2 of each item - Tommy's has 400 neonatal each year, Royal London 500, Stoke Mandeville 1500.

hats, mittens and booties for premature babies;  
16" x 32" (40cm x 80cm) blankets in pastel shades or a bright colour;  
20" x 22"/25" (50cm x 55/62.5cm) blankets in pink, blue or bright colours;  
24" x 24" (60cm x 60cm) white shawls;  
30" x 30" (75cm x 75cm) light blankets, fleeces and quilts;  
36" x 26" (90cm x 65cm) blankets;  
18" x 18" (45cm x 45cm) fleeces and quilts (highly desired by Tommy's), as the babies are laid on them, no rough or lumpy bits please;  
12" and 14" V necked cardigans 4ply or DK.

### for Babies:

cardigans rather than matinee jackets, please, fashions change  
shawls in baby colours approximately 40" x 40" (1m x 1m). Lacy would be lovely.

Buggy blankets about 5' x 4' to 5' (150cm x 120 to 150cm) light and airy to cocoon the babes, preferably in one colour although some with brightly coloured (red) borders are very popular.

Patterns for most things can be found on the internet by entering 'free knitting patterns uk' and for whatever you require a pattern e.g. 'premature baby' or 'legwarmers'. Some of them are really delightful. Watch out for different sizing of needles for patterns from the USA. Please contact me if you have a problem obtaining patterns.

- \* **needed the most**