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Celebrating 70 years of the NHS in Worcestershire



A prize-giving ceremony for Worcestershire nurses in the 1960s/1970s. © Charles Hastings Education Centre.

As the NHS celebrates its 70th birthday on July 5, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has taken a trip down memory lane to recognise the major developments and achievements in medical knowledge and hospital care in the county over the last seven decades.

A new interactive exhibition, 'Celebrating 70 years of the NHS in Worcestershire', will go on display at the Alexandra, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals this week (Monday, July 2).

It will allow staff, visitors and patients to see old photographs featuring former staff and hospitals, read about developments over the years, and even hear audio clippings from interviews with staff which describe how advances in medical techniques and policy changes improved the quality and safety of care for patients, and the working lives of staff. There will also be a chance for visitors to wish the NHS a Happy Birthday by recording their own memories of the NHS in special memory books.

Staff across the Trust have also been sharing their memories of what working in the NHS has meant to them.

Joan Lowe, Senior Sister in Outpatients at Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre, started her NHS career as a cadet nurse at the former Bromsgrove General Hospital in 1971. She gained experience in a variety of specialities but recalls her time in Accident and Emergency as being particularly memorable.

"It really was my passion," she said. "I was able to really develop my knowledge across so many different areas, and the opportunities we got as nurse practitioners gave us so much confidence."

Joan also met her husband during her time as an A&E nurse – when he was brought in following a head injury sustained playing rugby. *"He says it was the best accident he ever had!"* she says.

Maureen Lane, an Emergency Nurse Practitioner in the surgical team at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, also commenced her nurse training in 1971, and she worked in Critical Care for 14 years in Kidderminster, before moving to Worcester and opening Vascular High Dependency.

She said: *"My role has changed with the expansion of skills that nurses now undertake - for example, prescription medication, and admitting and discharging patients - roles previously carried out by doctors."*

Dave Stephens, Electrical Technician at the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch joined the NHS as an apprentice at Bromsgrove General Hospital in 1975 before moving to the Alexandra Hospital when it opened.

Dave said: *"Things have become a lot more technical over the years. Everything is more advanced with more technology and IT becoming involved to keep the way we work up-to-date."*

Future celebratory events in the county include a 1940s themed tea party for the Trust's volunteers to be held in September. A range of regional and national events are also planned throughout the year to celebrate the anniversary.

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Welcome



Michelle McKay, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

Welcome to the latest edition of Worcestershire Way.

This edition celebrates the 70th anniversary of the NHS. As well as looking back at some of the remarkable achievements and developments in nursing and medical care and technology during that time, it also focusses on the developments we are making as a Trust moving forwards.

We are committed to continually improving the safety and quality of our services – evidence of which you can see in the stories that fill the following pages.

In particular, one of our main areas of focus remains improving patient flow through our hospitals – ensuring that patients are seen and treated quickly when they arrive at our Emergency Departments; where necessary are admitted into a bed quickly; and are discharged back home or other appropriate care setting as soon as they are medically fit.

Having more beds will help us on our journey towards achieving this aim, so I am pleased that funding has been brought forward to allow us to start work on creating additional wards in our Aconbury East building. Thanks to the construction of a link bridge between Aconbury and the main Worcestershire Royal Hospital, which is underway now, we will also be able to treat a greater range of patients in Aconbury as we will have a quick and easy way of transferring them between the sites.

Although we have made a great start on improving services, we know we still have more work to do.

We are being ably assisted by Sir David Nicholson, who joined the Trust as our new interim Chairman in May, and I am delighted to welcome him to the team.

His knowledge and understanding of the challenges we face will be enormously helpful to our efforts to secure safe, high quality hospital services for the people of Worcestershire and ensure we put in place firm foundations for the NHS of the future.

Trust welcomes latest CQC report and looks ahead to further progress

The Chief Executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has welcomed the publication of the latest inspection report by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The report, published in June, follows inspection visits to the Trust in January, February and March 2018.

There is recognition for the Trust's multi-award winning maternity services which are now rated "good" overall. The CQC also improved their rating of the care provided for children and young people.

Ratings also improved for diagnostic imaging services, where staff have made huge progress in reducing waiting times for vital test results and cleared a major backlog in X-rays.

The improved rating for 'Well Led' is also recognises the difference that a stable leadership team is now starting to make in terms of the Trust's focus on quality and safety and efforts to make staff feel valued and supported.

However, the report also identifies a number of areas where improvements are still needed.

Michelle McKay said, *"We would like to thank all colleagues for their dedication and commitment, which they have maintained despite the unprecedented operational pressures we have faced through winter, and into the spring.*

"We know there is much more we need to do. We recently published our new Trustwide Quality Improvement Strategy, which sets out in some detail how we will build on what we have already achieved and set ourselves challenging targets for further improvement. This strategy is supported by detailed plans focussing on the key areas of patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient, carer and community engagement.

"It is widely recognised that one of our biggest problems is flow through our hospitals. We are implementing a series of strategies to improve this aspect of our services, while we await the increased acute bed capacity that capital funding will bring to the Worcester site.

"Our aim is to prove over the next few months - to ourselves and to local people – that we can continue to move this Trust in the right direction as we press ahead with our service improvements and our 4ward culture change programme which will support our efforts to become a high performing organisation."

The full report is available to read at www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RWP

Work set to start on new wards



Artist's impression of Aconbury East refurbishment.

Work is set to begin on the refurbishment of wards in the Aconbury East building at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, thanks to an £8million capital funding advance from the Department of Health and Social Care.

The project forms part of the £29.6million Acute Services Review which will see 81 additional beds, a High Dependency Unit and the creation of 141 new car parking spaces at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital. At the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch plans include the refurbishment and modernisation of operating theatres and improvements to endoscopy facilities.

Work will begin on two 23-bedded wards (46 beds in total) first, with a plan to open in early 2019 creating significant additional acute capacity at Worcestershire Royal Hospital during the winter season.

These beds will be accessible via a link bridge which is due for completion at the end of this year, thanks to a further advance of £3million.

The remaining £18.6m for the completion of the rest of the work will become available subject to necessary approvals being received. A full business case will be submitted later this year, with an implementation plan in place to deliver these improvements by May 2020.

Five minutes with… Sir David Nicholson, Interim Chairman



Sir David Nicholson joined the Trust as Interim Chairman in May.

David's career in NHS management spanned more than 30 years and included the most senior posts in the service. He was Chief Executive of the NHS for seven years from 2006-2013 and then, following a major national restructure, became the first Chief Executive of the organisation now known as NHS England from 2013-2014.

Since his retirement from the NHS in 2014, he has taken on a number of international roles providing advice and guidance to governments and organisations focused on improving population health and universal healthcare coverage.

David's contribution to healthcare was recognised by the award of the CBE in 2008, and he was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in 2010. He lives in Worcestershire with his wife and two children.

Who would you invite to a dinner party, dead or alive?
Brian Clough, John Lennon, Rosa Luxemburg, Rosa Parks.

What was the last book that you read?
A Question of Blood by Ian Rankin.

What advice would you give your younger self?
Live in the present because the future will look after itself.

Favourite holiday location?
Paphos, Cyprus.

Broadsheet or Tabloid?
Tabloid.

Best thing about your job?
The people.

World Cup or Love Island?
World Cup.

Favourite film?
Fitzcarraldo directed by Werner Herzog.

Wyre Forest maternity team celebrate after receiving an Innovation Award



The Wyre Forest Maternity Hub Team receiving their Innovation Award.

Midwives and maternity professionals in the Wyre Forest are celebrating success after winning the Innovation Award at the Midlands Maternity and Midwifery Festival Awards.

The Awards recognise outstanding achievement and commitments by maternity staff. The Innovation Award was awarded to the Wyre Forest Maternity Hub – a 'one stop shop' antenatal and postnatal service based at Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre.

The Hub – bringing community and hospital services together under one roof for the first time – is the first of its kind in the country. It has proved so successful other areas now looking to develop similar models of care.

Having community and hospital services together means pregnant women can access and receive any care they need - throughout their pregnancy and afterwards - quicker and easier.

Karen Chapman, Maternity Hub Team Leader, said: *"We were absolutely thrilled to be nominated for the award, so to win was fantastic. Delivering the services at the Hub is a real team effort, and the whole team is walking on air.*

"It is great to be recognised for the work that we are doing to really make a positive difference to pregnant women and new mums in Wyre Forest."

Having a 'Maternity Hub' means community midwives, scanning midwives, antenatal clinic midwives, consultants and specialist advisors all work together, referring women into each other's services on the same day – and often within just a few hours.

The Wyre Forest Maternity Hub opened in November 2016 and is gradually expanding what it can offer – with the latest addition being newborn hearing tests. The developments are in line with the recommendations laid out in NHS England's Better Births document which sets out a vision for a modern maternity service that delivers safer, more personalised care for all women and every baby.

The centre has also been made more child friendly, with a play house and children's activities kindly donated by the Kidderminster Hospital League of Friends.

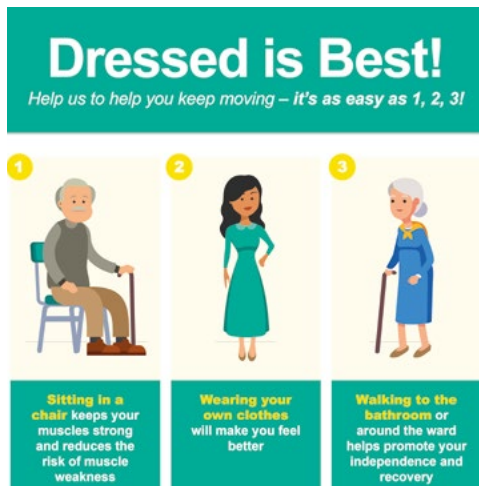
We're encouraging patients to get up, get dressed and get moving

Patients in Worcestershire are being encouraged to bring their day clothes with them to hospital as part of a national drive to end 'pyjama paralysis'.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust have joined forces with NHS England's drive to #EndPJparalysis - a nationwide campaign focussed on getting patients up, dressed in their own clothes, and moving to boost their recovery.

Once admitted to hospital, many patients resign themselves to staying in bed, in their pyjamas, for the duration of their time in hospital which can prevent recovery. Studies show that three-in-five immobile, older patients in hospital had no medical reason that required bed rest and doubling the amount of walking while in hospital reduces the length of stay.

#EndPJparalysis is not about forcing patients out of bed – it aims to prevent avoidable deterioration in their long-term health. Where people remain in bed for longer than necessary it can impact on mental and physical wellbeing. It can increase the risks of falls from muscle weakness and reduced balance. It can also cause disorientation, confusion, constipation, incontinence and swallowing and digestion problems, which



can all lead to a longer stay in hospital than necessary.

Vicky Morris, Chief Nursing Officer and Jackie Edwards, Deputy Chief Nurse (Quality) donned their own pyjamas and visited patients on wards to encourage patients to get up, dressed in their own clothes, and describe the benefits this can have.

The Trust's Deputy Chief Nurse (Quality), Jackie Edwards, said: *"I love the whole concept of #EndPJparalysis. It focusses on helping our patients retain their own identity when they are in hospital. Through this campaign which is all about getting people up, out of bed and moving we will improve their experiences of our care.*



Patients on Ward 1 at Kidderminster Hospital are always encouraged to get up, get dressed and get moving.

"Letting our patients know that they don't have to wear their night wear and encouraging their families not to take home their day clothes is one of the first steps in changing the culture."



Midwives outside The Croft Maternity Home in Kidderminster © Charles Hastings Education Centre.

Celebrating 70 years of the NHS

An interactive exhibition, 'Celebrating 70 years of the NHS in Worcestershire', will go on display at the Alexandra, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals this week. The images on this page are just a small selection of the pictures and information contained in the exhibition, which recognises some of the major developments and achievements in medical knowledge and hospital care over the last seven decades. Long-serving staff across the Trust have also been sharing their memories - read their stories on the facing page.

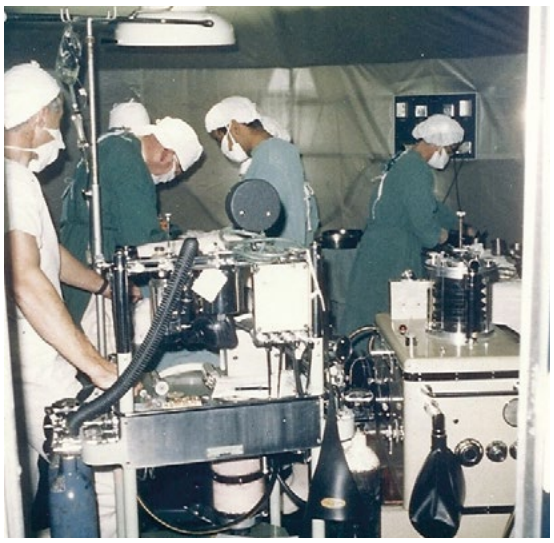
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The Kitchen and Laundry at Ronkswood Hospital in the 1950s. © Charles Hastings Education Centre.



A&E at Castle Street was opened in 1969 by Professor Gissane. © Charles Hastings Education Centre.



Surgery being performed in a tent outside Castle Street in 1976. © Charles Hastings Education Centre.



HRH Princess Alexandra opened the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch in April 1987.



The opening of the new A&E at Ronkswood. © Charles Hastings Education Centre.



HRH The Duchess of Gloucester opened Kidderminster Treatment Centre in April 2005.





We'd love to hear your memories

Contact us on wah-tr.communications@nhs.net or via social media and we will record your comment in an NHS70 memory book.

With thanks to the George Marshall Medical Museum, Kidderminster Hospital League of Friends and Janet-Marie Clark for their help with many of the photos and information for our exhibition.

Left to right: **Patients being moved into the new Worcestershire Royal Hospital in 2002; HRH Princess Anne opened The Worcestershire Oncology Centre in 2015.**

Staff share their memories of the NHS



Dave Thombs, Senior Charge Nurse, Theatres, Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre



David Stephens, Electrical Technician, Alexandra Hospital



Sue Collins, Community Midwife, Malvern

How/why did you first get involved with working in the NHS? What was your role?

Dave T: I commenced in the NHS on September 1, 1969 as a Cadet Nurse at Kidderminster General Hospital. This was as a result of advice given to me by a Career's Officer as I had been a member of the Red Cross since 1963.

Dave S: I started in the NHS as an apprentice in 1975. I've moved around various locations over the first few years until I came to the Alexandra Hospital with the whole team when it first opened.

Sue: I began in the NHS straight from school as an 18-year-old. My aunt was the last Matron of Shrub Hill hospital, I always remember her royal blue uniform, hat and pristine shoes. She inspired me to join the NHS from when I was young.

David J: I had an ambition to study medicine from an early age, and medical training in the UK and the NHS are inextricably bound together.

Doris: It was in 1966 that my neighbour asked me to join The Friends of Worcester Royal Infirmary as a buffet helper and a few years later I became Chairman.

How has it changed during your time with the Trust?

Dave T: In 1969, hospitals were led by the Matrons and Senior Consultant staff. You always had to address them by their title – never would you use first names as you do now! Also advancements in technology have had a huge impact across all areas of healthcare.

Sue: There are so many more machines now than ever before. Machines help, but you don't want machines to take over. It's the people that make it. Sitting there and talking to people, that's what people really need.

David J: Everyone knows that the NHS has got progressively busier. We now check much more carefully to see if we are doing things properly, and are much better at trying to make healthcare safer.

Doris: During the days of the Castle Street hospital, The Friends had 90 members. This wonderful band of helpers braved floods and snow blizzards to serve refreshments to staff and patients. Hot and cold drinks were sold, together with chocolate bars and sticky buns from Clapton's Bakery. When the Worcestershire Royal Hospital opened, the buffet and its volunteers were no longer required. It was the end of an era.

Joan: Nursing has changed a lot since I trained in 1971. The volume of patients especially – we see so many more people today. The people we see today as an outpatient would have been inpatients in the past. We work across every speciality so get to do a huge variety of work. It's really varied.

What is your proudest moment when working for the Trust?

Dave T: Being part of the team for the Alexandra Hospital directly involved in ensuring the suite of Operating Theatres were all equipped and ready to accept patients when the transfer from Bromsgrove General Hospital to the Alex took place in 1986 and seeing the first patients having their surgery in a state of the art Theatres was a very memorable moment.

Dave S: The move to the Alex from the old Bromsgrove General and being made a Technician in 1998. Just being involved with the whole Estates team is brilliant.

Sue: Some of the home deliveries I've been to with my colleagues have been my proudest moments. Home deliveries are just the best in the world.

David J: I was closely involved with the joining of the Kidderminster and Worcester Medical teams when the Worcestershire Trusts merged in 2000. A lot of work and planning took place that resulted in a remarkably smooth and constructive amalgamation of the medical services.

Doris: Being invited to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for my services to the hospital and receiving *The Sapphire Award for Outstanding Voluntary Work for Patients* in *1995*, presented to me by the actor Richard Wilson.

What does working for the Trust/ NHS mean to you?

Dave T: The one thing I will always remember is the numerous dedicated staff that I have had the pleasure to work with over the years. I often get asked why I haven't fully retired and I am still working, simple really, I enjoy the work and I am privileged to be working with a great team of staff at Kidderminster.

Dave S: It's all about saving lives. No matter where or what your role in the NHS is, it's all part of the process of helping patients, making them comfortable and helping them to get better – it's all about the patients.

David J: I continue to be amazed by the skills and good will of my numerous colleagues from various disciplines as they try to achieve the best possible outcomes for our patients. I find this genuinely inspirational and am proud to work with them.

Doris: The Friends have donated thousands of pounds to buy equipment that not only makes patients' and visitors' time in hospital more comfortable, but more importantly helps save lives. I am proud to be a part of this organisation and little did I know that 52 years on from serving that first cup of tea in Castle Street, I would still be helping such a worthy cause.

Joan: Patients are far more informed and confident than in the past, but we are here to act as their advocate and make sure that they fully understand their treatment.



Dr David Jenkins, Diabetes Consultant

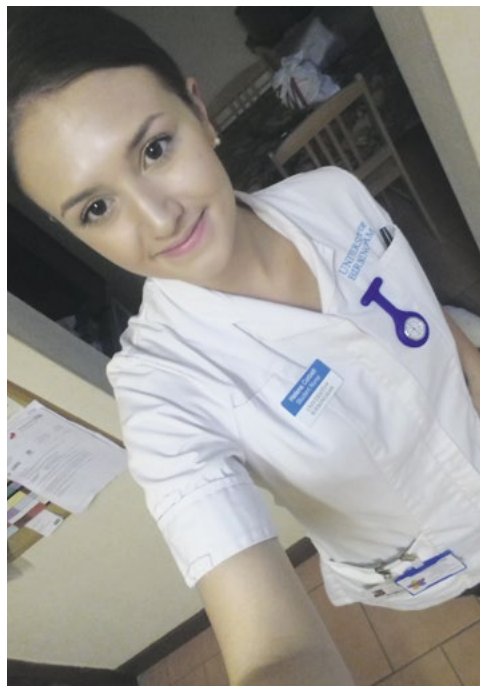


Doris Kershaw, volunteer with the Friends of Worcestershire Royal Hospital



Joan Lowe, Senior Sister, Worcestershire Royal Hospital

Student nurse inspired by her own treatment at Worcester is shortlisted for national award





A student nurse at the University of Birmingham who was inspired to go into nursing by the care she received at Worcestershire Royal Hospital has been shortlisted for a national nursing award.

Helena Corbett, from Worcester, has been a regular patient at Worcestershire Royal Hospital since the age of nine after being diagnosed with significant Crohn's Disease - a lifelong condition in which parts of the digestive system become inflamed.

Throughout her childhood, Helena continued to attend the children's clinic at Worcestershire Royal every six weeks for blood tests, medication and ongoing investigations, as well as being admitted to the children's ward on a number of occasions due to complications with her condition.

By the age of 10, the experience of these regular visits and the dedicated care and treatment she received from the Clinic had inspired Helena to want to go into children's nursing herself.

Helena said: *"I cannot thank the staff from the Clinic enough and I feel indebted to them for the care and support they provided me. These are the nurses who inspired me at ten years old to become a children's nurse myself. I found that the passion they had and the attributes they displayed towards me, also reflected within me".*

After choosing to transition into adult care services at the earliest opportunity to take a greater role in her on-going care, Helena was intent on accomplishing her dream of becoming a children's nurse to help other children who have conditions like her own.

Successfully passing her GCSEs and A-Levels - despite the added pressure of her on-going condition which she was still regularly visiting hospital for - Helena was accepted onto her first choice of nurse training degree at the University of Birmingham.

Once at university, Helena stayed in regular contact with the team from the Children's Clinic at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, despite not receiving her care from them anymore. The staff who inspired her to take up her new profession remained supportive and motivating for Helena.

In the second year of her student nurse training, Helena was able to choose where she undertook her next training placement. Keen to go back to where her desire to become a nurse originated and see the Children's Clinic from the nursing side as well as the patient side, Helena undertook a four-week placement in the clinic at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Melanie Chippendale, Advanced Nurse Practitioner from the Children's Clinic, said: *"It was obvious from the start of her placement that Helena was a hardworking and committed student. Her rapport with staff, children and families was excellent and it was very apparent that she draws on all of her experiences both personal and professional to guide her nursing practice".*

In April this year, Helena was nominated and then shortlisted as one of ten national finalists, for the Student Children's Nurse of the Year award in the prestigious Student Nursing Times Awards. Her nomination told of her inspirational story in overcoming the adversity of her condition and experiences of care at Worcestershire Royal in her childhood shaping her future ambitions to go into children's nursing.

Helena added: *"I was amazed to be shortlisted for the award against so many other amazing nurses and entries. My journey has not always been easy; there have been relapses along the way, but I have always remained strong and resilient because of the overwhelming care, support and empathy from the Children's Clinic team".*

Melanie added: *"I'm delighted she's been nominated for this award, I cannot think of a more deserving candidate. I feel sure that she will be a fantastic nurse and achieve her dream of becoming a specialist nurse for children with gastrointestinal disorders".*

Recently Helena received a job offer from Birmingham Children's Hospital to start this autumn once she has completed her degree. She will be nursing children on the very same ward she was first admitted to more than a decade ago.

Pictured: Helena Corbett pictured now and during her childhood when she was receiving care at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Worcestershire Oncology Centre research earns regional award



Pictured: Jayne Tyler, Lead Oncology Research Nurse, with Dr Cheng Boon, Consultant Oncologist.

A big congratulations to Dr Cheng Boon, Consultant Oncologist and Jayne Tyler, Lead Oncology Research Nurse from the Worcestershire Oncology Centre.

Dr Boon and Jayne - who both work with cancer patients in the Worcestershire Oncology Centre - are celebrating after their work was recognised with an award at the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)'s West Midlands Cancer Research Network last month.

Dr Boon beat a competitive field to be named the 'Up & Coming Research Investigator' of the year at the meeting in June.

Well done to Cheng and Jayne for all your hard work!

Worcester A&E volunteer enjoys tea with the Queen



Pictured: Sue Perry, A&E volunteer at Worcestershire Royal Hospital attending the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, alongside her friend Mary-Anne Burton.

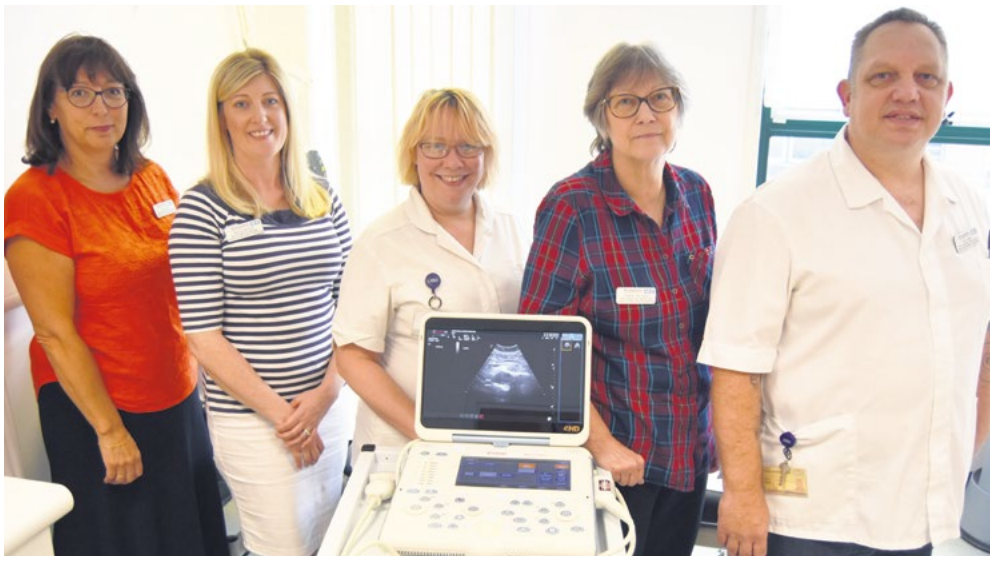
A kind-hearted volunteer who dedicates her free time to supporting patients in the Accident and Emergency Department at Worcestershire Royal Hospital was recognised for her hard work with an invitation to a Royal Garden Party with the Queen in June.

Sue Perry, who has volunteered at the hospital for the last 12 years, received the invite to Buckingham Palace after a nomination by the lead doctor in the department.

Sue spends two days a week in the busy A&E department at the hospital, talking with patients who might be scared or anxious about their treatment.

She also offers support and spiritual guidance for families who are worried about a loved one, as well as providing a comforting ear for any staff who may be facing difficulties at home or in work.

Men over 65 reminded of importance of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening



Staff from the Herefordshire and Worcestershire AAA screening team.

Men over the age of 65 are being reminded of the importance of attending screening for a potentially life-threatening Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA).

The local screening programme for Herefordshire and Worcestershire has successfully screened 4,000 men over the last year, but there are still hundreds of men who are offered screening but do not attend.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust – which run the local screening programme – is encouraging everyone who is offered screening to attend their appointment. AAA screening is offered to all men registered with a GP during the year they turn 65.

Geoffrey Gardner, from Worcester, was sent a letter offering a screening appointment shortly after his 65th birthday.

"When I first saw the letter I just put it to one side and thought I'm too busy for this. I'd never heard of AAA before and you never expect that you've got anything wrong. But it was very lucky that I went to get screened when I did", said Geoffrey.

Geoffrey underwent the screening at his local GP surgery, which involves a simple ultrasound scan that looks for a weakness and enlargement of the aorta, and only takes a few minutes to complete. AAA screening results are available straight away, so there is no nervous wait to hear back.

Geoffrey was told that the scans had identified he had a small aneurysm. He said: *"I was very surprised really; I had no family history of it or anything. I didn't fully understand all the implications at the time and so it wasn't until my follow-up scan that the seriousness of the condition dawned on me".*

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms are caused when the main blood vessel in the body weakens and expands. Most AAAs have no symptoms but, if left untreated, aneurysms can grow and rupture, which is often fatal.

There are three categories of aneurysm – small, medium and large – with surgery usually being needed when an aneurysm becomes large. Screening programmes aim to reduce the number of deaths from AAA ruptures by detecting any aneurysm at an early stage so they can be monitored and treated appropriately.

As Geoffrey's aneurysm was only small he underwent continued monitoring and screening at regular intervals for the next two and half years, before being referred to experienced vascular surgeon, Professor Richard Downing at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, as the aneurysm had grown enough to require surgery.

Since the Herefordshire and Worcestershire screening programme began in 2011, around 450 aneurysms have been detected that need monitoring or treatment and more than 60 men with large aneurysms have been referred for successful surgical repairs.

More than 3,000 men die every year in England and Wales from a ruptured AAA, and eight out of every ten people with a ruptured AAA die before they reach hospital or fail to survive emergency surgery.

"After being referred to Professor Downing and discussing all our options, that was when it really hit me how serious this can be.



Patient Geoffrey Gardner with his wife.

The following month I went in to have my operation to repair the aneurysm", Geoffrey added.

"I would really encourage more men to go to screening. I had no clues or side effects - you just don't know unless you go and get yourself checked. So I'd say the same to everybody – just go and do it!"

Any men over 65 who are registered with a GP and live in Herefordshire or Worcestershire and have not been screened, can self-refer by contacting the Herefordshire and Worcestershire AAA Screening Programme directly on 01905 733830.

Student Midwife Marie Rivett awarded national Breastfeeding Champion of the Year

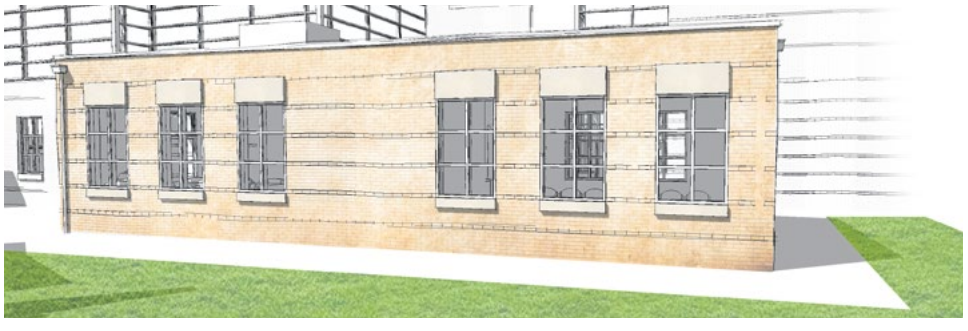


We're delighted for our Student Midwife, Marie Rivett who won national Breastfeeding Champion of the Year award last month at the MAMA Conference in Glasgow.

Marie was a breastfeeding support worker with us before she began her Midwife training. She won the award by beating more than 600 other nominees – well done Marie!

Marie, who is currently in the final year of her midwifery degree at the University of Worcester, has also presented her work at the UNICEF Baby Friendly Convention.

Work begins on new Discharge Lounge at Worcestershire Royal



Work began on a new Discharge Lounge at Worcestershire Royal Hospital at the end of June.

The single-storey extension, situated on River Level 0 (ground floor) next to Medical Day Case, will have space for 18 patients with a mixture of chairs and beds.

The new discharge lounge will replace the current discharge lounge, situated on Medical Short Stay, when it opens in the autumn.

Pictured: An artist's impression of the new Discharge Lounge.

National accreditation for high standards and quality care for women in the county

Women in Worcestershire with bladder or pelvic floor conditions are benefitting after the service which cares them was awarded accreditation by the British Society of Urogynaecology.

The Urogynaecology department provides treatment for women with conditions such as urinary incontinence, recurrent urinary tract infections, bladder pain and pelvic floor injury after childbirth.

The service first achieved formal accreditation from the British Society of Urogynaecology in 2011, before being reaccredited earlier this year. Just 29 units in the UK have received this accreditation, with Worcestershire one of just three units nationwide to have been re-accredited.

The accreditation process involves a thorough external peer review process looking at all aspects of the service provided to patients over a five-year period. The review sets very high standards of quality, safety and effectiveness and only when these are met can a service receive accreditation.

The Urogynaecology department includes staff from a range of professions, from the community continence team, physiotherapists, admin staff and specialist nurses as well as specialists within gynaecology, colorectal and urology.



Staff from the Urogynaecology team.

Paul Moran, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist said: *"We are delighted to have achieved this recognition. It could not have been achieved without effective team working and considerable effort on everyone's part to maintain and improve the standard of care we deliver to all of our patients across the county.*

"Our patients and GP colleagues can be reassured by this success which affirms the high-quality service that we provide."

Best of Social Media

May/June 2018

Why not join our 19,000 followers on social media and keep up to date with the latest news and announcements and stories from Worcestershire's hospitals.

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