

Trust is **TOPS** for Child Care



The Trust is named as a top performer in caring for children, by the Healthcare Commission.

See inside for the full story and more!

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Staff Awards Update



See who's been shortlisted

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Plus: Lottery Did You Know?



Employee of the Month



February: Sharon Edwards

Chief Clinical Physiologist

Reason for Nomination:

Sharon is a dedicated staff member and has worked extremely hard in opening GP referral clinics for diagnostic carpal tunnel syndrome on a 'choose and book' basis. This is a huge achievement for the Trust as choose and book for this condition is not widely available. Sharon has managed all this while studying for her Masters Degree.

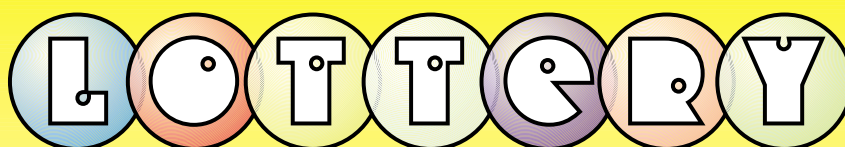


March: Helen Buchanan

Transfusion Co-ordinator

Reason for Nomination:

Helen is an active member of the Blood Tracking Board and works with departments throughout the Trust to deliver training and facilitate better communication regarding Pathology. Helen was nominated after her expertise helped to design a detailed blood tracking system throughout the Trust and produce improvements in blood traceability.



TRUST

RESULTS

The Lottery results for the draws which took place in February and March are:

February 2009

- £1,500 Sue Charles, Ward A1 Urology, Whiston
- £500 Janine Kenny, Ward C3, Whiston
- £100 Marion Donnelly, Outpatients dept. Whiston
- £50 Susan Frodsham, HDU, Whiston
- £25 Clare Edwards, Surgical Care, Whiston
- £25 Steven Fox, ICU, Whiston

March 2009

- £1,500 Carmel Hughes, B&P Whiston
- £500 Julie Woosey, Bereavement Office, Whiston
- £100 Rebecca Allen, Main Theatres, Whiston
- £50 Tina Davies, Ward B1, Whiston
- £25 Jacqueline Underwood, Medical Assessment, Whiston
- £25 Lyndsey Mather, A&E, Whiston

Note: Prizes can only be issued to lottery participants who have paid all due contributions. In the case of deductions not being made from your pay, please contact the Finance Department on extension 1121. Your payslip should show a separate deduction described as LOTTERY and the amount deducted (£1 for each number).

Trust is **TOPS** for Child Care



The Trust is a top performer in meeting the needs of children, according to the Healthcare Commission.



Dr Amegavie in clinic with Benjamin Guam.

A new report focuses on emergency and day case patients and looks at whether staff are properly trained and have the specialist skills needed to look after youngsters.

Our Trust has been identified as making excellent progress and was found to be performing well in more than half of the performance indicators and 'consistently high performing' in a number of key areas.

The Trust has set up a Children's Surgical Committee and Children's Safeguarding Steering group to ensure these standards are met with comprehensive training given in a wide range of areas including paediatric life support, managing children's pain and child protection.

Ann Marr, Chief Executive said: "This report reflects our commitment to ensuring that all healthcare professionals in the Trust have the most appropriate training and development in order to give all of our patients – including children - the very best possible standard of care."



16 year old Meghan Pughsley of Belle Vale is being treated at Whiston Hospital. Her mum, Shirley Pughsley, said: "The standard of care for the children at Whiston Hospital is excellent. The doctors and nurses are extremely helpful. They let you know exactly what is happening and keep you updated all the time. We are delighted with how we have been looked after."



Derek and Christine McDonald and daughters Debra and Kelly present a cheque to Caroline Deveney, SCBU Ward Manager, Gill Haydock Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist and Sally Duce, Directorate Manager.

Thank You!

A family has paid tribute to the quality of care at the Special Care Baby Unit.

Following the sad death of Derek McDonald (25), his family donated £1,200 to the SCBU. Derek suffered from Ondine's Curse a rare condition which can cause people to stop breathing when asleep and was cared for by the SCBU as a baby.

This generous donation will be used to buy a situation monitor for the SCBU, which monitors oxygen levels in babies and is greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile, youngsters on the Children's Unit at Whiston Hospital have been given a treat after the Trust's Head of Financial Management, Helen Rourke kindly donated a Nintendo Wii.

Helen won the games machine in a draw at a conference. It was provided by recruitment agency Sellick Partnership and Helen generously decided to pass it to the Children's Unit.



E1 patients Natalie Gillison (14), Edward Glyn (12) and Meghan Pughsley (16) show off the Nintendo Wii. Also pictured are Paediatrics staff Amanda Coogan, Mike Fazakerley and Sue Finnegan, along with Helen Rourke and Sellick Partnership's Abigail Day.

Building Update



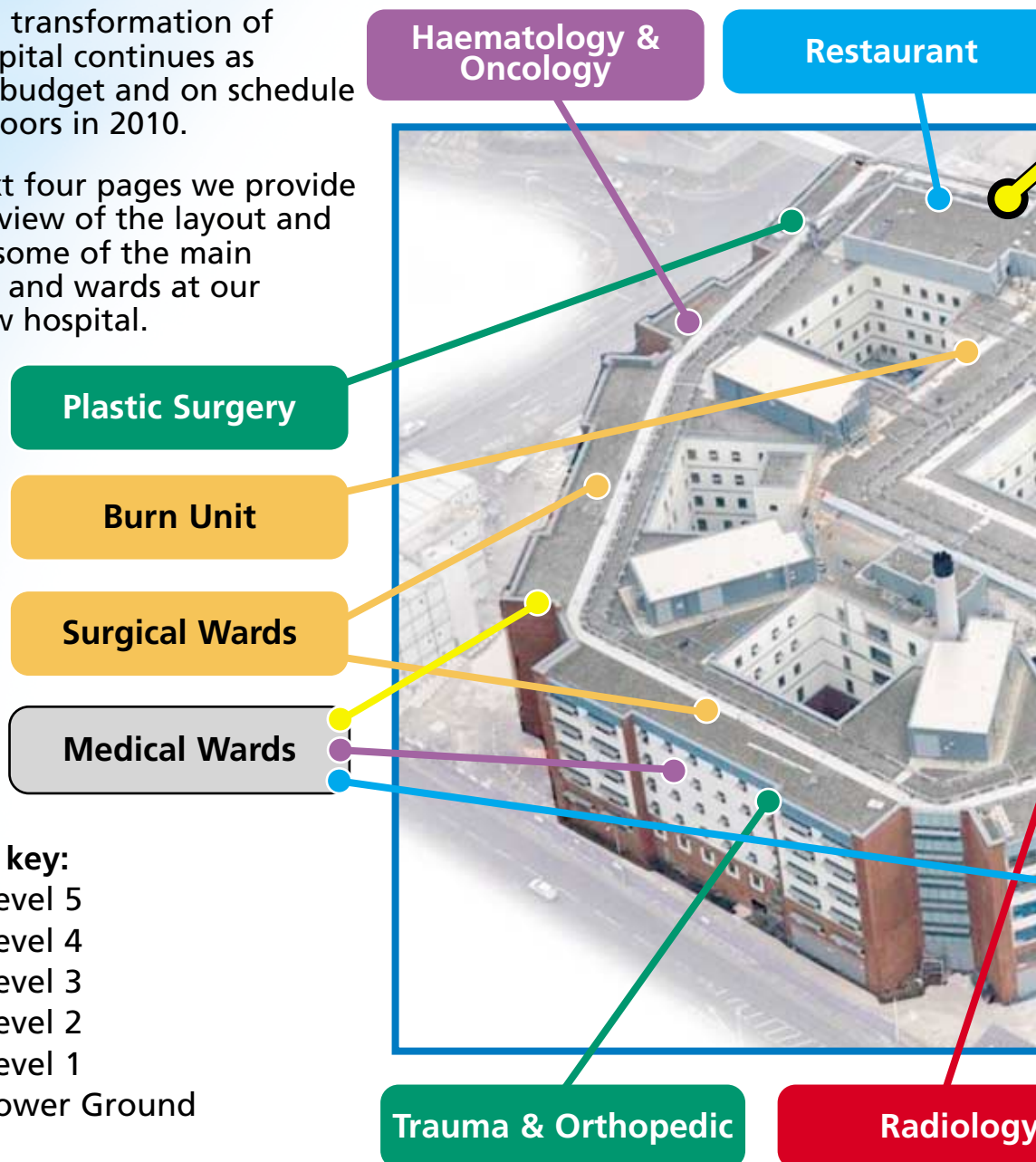
A ward reception area on Level 1



Four bedded bay with floor to ceiling windows

The amazing transformation of Whiston Hospital continues as planned, on budget and on schedule to open its doors in 2010.

Over the next four pages we provide an exclusive view of the layout and locations of some of the main departments and wards at our stunning new hospital.



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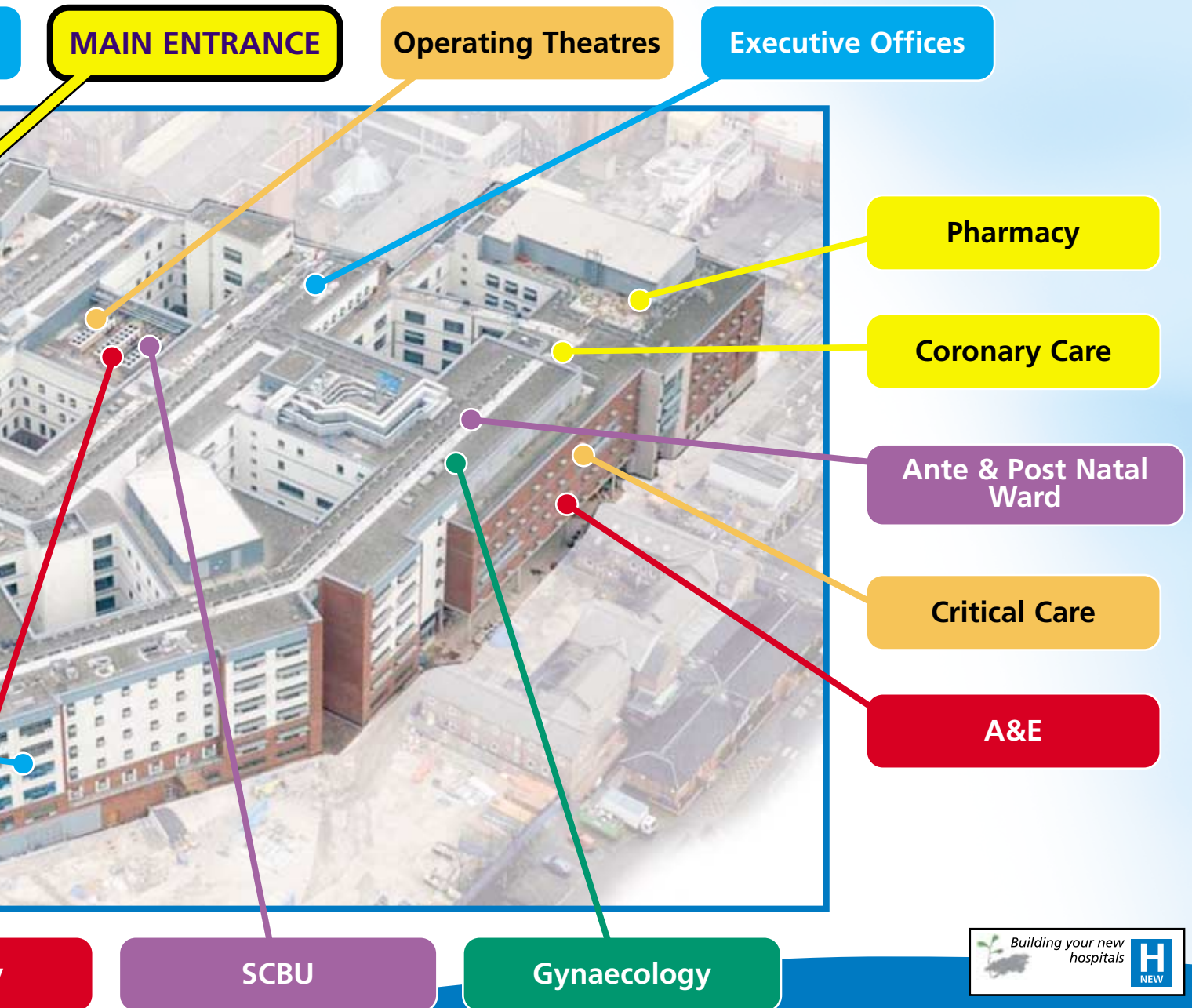
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Nurse base in A&E



Ann Marr, Chief Executive and Dr Robin MacMillan, former Medical Director visit one of the new world class operating theatres.



Floor Plan

LEVEL 5

- Medical Wards
- Restaurant
- Trust Executive Offices

LEVEL 4

- Burns Unit
- Children & Young People Outpatients Department
- Critical Care Unit
- Operating Theatres
- Surgical Wards

LEVEL 3

- Children & Young People Wards
- Gynaecology Wards
- Holbrook Unit
- Plastic Surgery Wards
- Prosthetics Department
- Trauma & Orthopaedic Wards

LEVEL 2

- Children & Young People Wards
- Haematology & Oncology Wards
- Maternity Theatre
- Maternity Unit
- Medical Wards
- Special Care Baby Unit
- Women's Unit

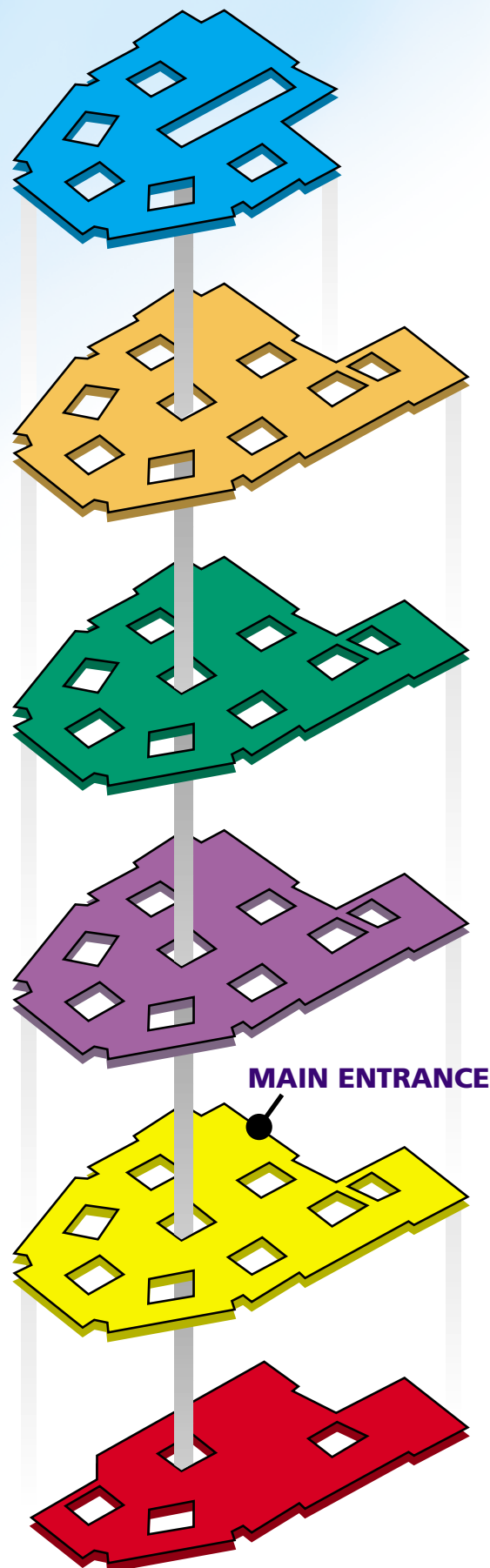
LEVEL 1

MAIN ENTRANCE

- Cardiology & Coronary Care
- Medical Wards
- Outpatients Department
- Pharmacy
- Therapy Suite

LOWER GROUND

- Accident & Emergency Department
- Radiology



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Whiston Hospital: Ward & Department Locator

Department	Level & Colour
Accident & Emergency Dept.	LG
Anaesthetic Directorate Offices	4
Ante & Post Natal Ward	2
Bleeding in Early Pregnancy Clinic	3
Burns Unit	4
Café	1
Cardio Respiratory Services	1
Cardiology Ward	1
Cath Lab	1
Chapel	1
Children & Young People Outpatients	4
Children & Young People Ward	2
Children & Young People Ward	3
Coronary Care Unit	1
Critical Care Unit	4
Delivery Suite	2
Endoscopy Unit	1
Gynaecology Ward	3
Haematology & Oncology Ward	2
Holbrook Unit	3
MAIN ENTRANCE	1
Maternity Offices	2
Maternity Theatres	2
Medical Directorate Offices	2
Medical Directorate Offices	3
Medical Wards	1

Department	Level & Colour
Medical Wards	2
Medical Wards	5
Neurophysiology	1
Occupational Health	1
Operating Theatres	4
Outpatients Department	1
Pharmacy	1
Plastic Surgery Ward	3
Prosthetics Department	3
Radiology (X-Ray, CT, MRI Scan, Ultrasound and Nuclear Medicine)	LG
Relatives' Accommodation	2
Relatives' Accommodation	3
Restaurant	5
Shop	1
Special Care Baby Unit	2
Stroke Ward	1
Surgical Directorate Offices	4
Surgical Wards	4
Therapy Suite	1
Trauma & Orthopaedic Wards	3
Trust Executive Offices	5
Women's Outpatients Department	2
Women's Theatre	2

Staff change, seminar & meeting rooms, staff rooms and therapy rooms will be located on levels 2,3,4 & 5.

Phase 2 of the redevelopment will see the Education, Training and Administration departments located in the existing Accident & Emergency Department, which will be refurbished in keeping with the world class facilities of the new Whiston Hospital.

Arts for Health at St Helens



The new St Helens Hospital features a flurry of inspirational artworks thanks to a new project – Arts for Health.

The project has provided exciting and thought provoking works of art throughout the hospital that can be seen in the main atrium, reception areas, courtyards, waiting rooms, walkways and within hospital grounds.

The Arts for Health project is part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best treatment and care for patients within the highest quality environment.

Artwork in Outpatients waiting area

With Arts for Health we are creating a healing environment that is attractive and inspiring to support the fantastic work we do in caring for our patients.

Funding for the artworks is provided through grants, donations and charitable funds and at no cost to the NHS.

The project involves Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) working with St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Taylor Woodrow and their partners along with our other stakeholders who have supported the redevelopment of our hospitals.

With Arts for Health we are creating a healing



Artwork in the Therapy Suite



Lilac Centre garden sculpture



Multi coloured glass discs suspended in the main atrium



Sanderson Suite reception

EXCLUSIVE

Staff Awards

SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED!



Staff queuing for tickets

It's the biggest event of the year - the **5th Annual Staff Awards Presentation Evening** is just around the corner and the shortlist of nominees has been announced.

Tickets for the presentation evening went on sale on March 12th and sold out quicker than Michael Jackson's comeback tour, as staff queued in their droves to get a ticket for the hottest date in the Trust's social calendar.

This year's event will take place on Friday 15th May as we return to the Liverpool Echo Arena and BT Convention Centre for the **5th Annual Staff Awards Presentation**, which promises to be the glitziest and most glamorous yet and all at no cost to the NHS.

This year saw more nominations than ever before and the response from the public to the People's Choice award, voted for in the St Helens Star has been magnificent. The shortlist was revealed at Whiston and St Helens Hospitals by Ann Marr and Anne-Marie Stretch and is now on display. For those that haven't seen the shortlist yet, turn over the page for our fantastic 5th Annual Staff Awards nominations pull-out poster!



Ann Marr, Chief Executive presents the nominations to excited staff at St Helens Hospital.



Susan Watkinson, Nursery Assistant and Clare Corlett, Deputy Matron, from the Creche check out their nomination.



Anne-Marie Stretch, Director of Human Resources and Alistair Mulvey, Director of Finance reveal the shortlist at Whiston Hospital.

5th Annual Staff



The shortlist of (in alphabe

Medical Care Group	Surgical Care Group	Clinical Support Group	Non Clinical Support Group
Genito-urinary Medicine	Holbrook Unit	Cardio-respiratory	Creche
Paediatrics	Nicola Jones, Infant feeding Co-ordinator	Microbiology	IT Help Desk
Ward E3	Sanderson Suite	Radiology	Post Graduate Medical Centre

Awards 2009 Presentation Evening

nominations is
(in the following order)

Employee of the Year	Team of the Year	People's Choice Award
Francis Andrews, Consultant	Acute Stroke Unit	Allen Day Unit
Sharon Edwards, Chief Clinical Physiologist	Emergency Department	Lilac Centre
Isobel Kearney, Ward Manager	Intensive Care Outreach Team	Rheumatology

Friday 15th
May 2009



Liverpool Arena
and Convention
Centre



Are we satisfied?

The results from a national survey of NHS staff show that the Trust is performing better than the national average in a number of important areas of staff satisfaction. This helps staff to deliver the best possible care to our No.1 priority: our patient. The key positives from the report are outlined in the boxes below:

Support from managers

More staff at the Trust agreed that:

- Managers could be counted on to help with difficult work
- Managers gave clear feedback on their work
- Managers help find good work/life balance
- Staff could talk to their manager about flexible working

Staff training

In the last 12 months, staff at the Trust had received above the national average training in:

- Equality and diversity
- Health and Safety
- Major incident
- Infection control

Respected and valued

Staff scored the Trust higher than the national average in areas relating to feeling respected and valued by colleagues and employers.

Staff more often:

- agreed that colleagues treated them with respect
- left their appraisal or review feeling that their work was valued by the Trust
- felt they knew how their role contributed to the Trust's overall objectives
- would recommend the Trust as a place to work

Incidents and errors

The Trust scored above the national average in reporting incidents and errors, whilst the actual occurrence of incidents and errors in the Trust was below that of the national figure.

Moves to improve by the Trust

In response to the report's findings the Trust will implement the following recommendations:

- To further improve the coverage of appraisals and personal development plans (PDPs).
- To maintain and increase the level of Health & Safety and Infection Control training.
- To give staff more feedback, to communicate the Trust's strategic vision and policies and make staff feel more valued in what they do.
- To enhance internal communications so that key messages are conveyed both downwards and upwards.
- To prioritise stress at work as having a negative impact on health and happiness of staff.



TEAMTalkLunch

Members of the Trust Board met with staff over lunch to discuss a variety of items affecting staff and patient care.

Ann Marr, Chief Executive, Les Howell, Chairman and Rod Hill, Non-Executive Director were joined by a cross section of staff from across the Trust for a lunchtime TEAM Talk.



Ann Marr, Chief Executive, meets with staff for TEAM Talk Lunch



Les Howell, Chairman of the Trust, responds to questions from staff

At the TEAM Talk lunch in March, Board members updated staff on developments and construction at the new hospital and the topics for discussion included sickness, nurses' uniform and annual leave policies, staffing of night shifts and security.

The TEAM Talk highlighted the success of internal communication in keeping all staff fully informed about the changes and ongoing improvements within the Trust. New staff felt they were welcomed and provided with a supportive and friendly environment and the desire for greater publicity of the awards achieved by the Trust was also discussed.

These meetings provide a forum for open and informal discussion between board members and staff from across the Trust. TEAM Talk lunches aim to generate ideas and solutions to help provide better patient care and better communication throughout the Trust.



Rod Hill, Non-Executive Director of the Trust, listens to the views of staff

Start of the Year Conference 27th April

The Start of Year Conference takes place on Monday 27th April in the Recreation Hall. At the conference Ann Marr, Chief Executive will launch the Trust's corporate objectives for the year and discuss their positive impact on the delivery and quality of care provided to our patients. In addition, the conference will feature a keynote speech from Prof. Ivan Robertson, an internationally renowned expert in leadership development.

The conference takes place in the Recreation Hall from 12.30 to 2pm.

A light lunch will be provided from 12.15pm.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Ladies - Be Breast Aware!



L-R Leena Chagla, Consultant Surgeon, Carole Lindberg, former patient, Ken Graham, Consultant Plastic Surgeon and Sue McNicholas, MacMillan Breast Care Nurse Specialist, in the Burney Breast Unit at St Helens Hospital

The Trust held a Breast Awareness Event at St Helens Hospital, for local people and Trust staff alike.

The event took place in the Spice of Life Restaurant in St Helens Hospital on **Wednesday 22nd April between 6.30pm and 8.30pm**. There were presentations on breast awareness and breast screening from Leena Chagla, Consultant Surgeon and Lead Clinician for Breast Services.

Also at the event were former patients such as Carole Lindberg to share their experiences. Carole, 64 from Widnes was diagnosed with breast cancer following a random screening. She was treated at the Burney Breast Unit and also underwent reconstructive surgery at Whiston. Carole says:

"If I hadn't gone to that random screening, I wouldn't have had a clue I had cancer. There was no lump to feel and it was only picked up when I had the mammogram."

'For all women out there, no matter what age you are – be breast aware. Don't be frightened, don't put it off. Don't think that something else you are doing is more important, you might not get the chance to do those other things.

'The Unit here is absolutely phenomenal. The level of care and thoroughness with which they approach the persons' needs is fantastic. I was treated with the utmost respect, courtesy and consideration. I was treated like a Queen. I couldn't speak highly enough of the staff here.'

Careers Day a success

The Trust and Medirest have joined forces to run a Careers Day aimed at promoting the different career paths in the NHS for non-clinical staff.

The event promoted careers such as housekeepers, catering assistants, ward clerks, cardiographers and security officers. A large number of people attended who were either looking to join the Trust or looking for an alternative career within the Trust.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the running of this event for making it such a huge success.



INDEPENDENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE

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We offer a range of information and advice, emotional support, counselling and resource to anyone who is experiencing or has been affected by violent, abusive or unhealthy relationships.

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- Practical & emotional support
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All information disclosed is respected and treated as confidential

The Relationships Centre
working to end abuse within families



Trust First in G.U.M. Care

The Trust is the first on Merseyside to introduce new rapid HIV testing for patients.

Patients will be tested and their results will be available within just 30 minutes. By introducing the rapid HIV test, we are helping to protect people from the spread of HIV as well as reducing waiting times and anxiety for our patients and making sure they get the most appropriate care, support and treatment as quickly as possible.

Patients are seen by a health expert at St Helens Hospital's Genito-urinary Medicine (GUM) clinic. Following a discussion about the test, patients give a simple mouth swap or finger prick blood sample. This sample is tested and then 30 minutes later the results show up positive or negative.

After the sample is tested, the specialist team will discuss the result with the patient and offer the appropriate support, from counselling to advice on health promotion and follow-up treatment.

For confidential information call: 01744 646 473.

Sexual Health Nurse Gary Barker with the new sample kit for rapid HIV testing at the Genito-urinary Medicine clinic at St Helens Hospital.

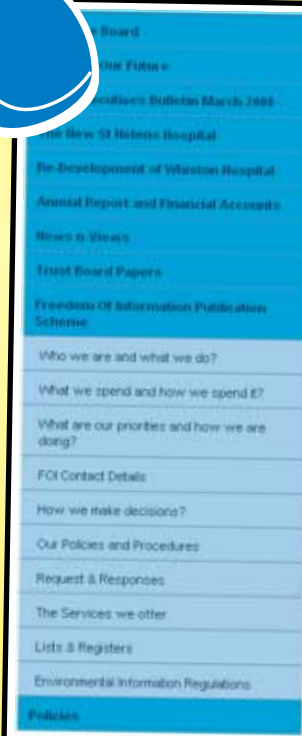


Keeping the public informed

The Trust has become one of the first in the country to launch an online platform to provide information available through the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our service users can gain access to important and useful information such as our policies and procedures, our spending plans and budgets and how we make decisions by logging onto our website at www.sthk.nhs.uk.

From the home page click on 'About us' then simply click on 'Freedom of Information Publication Scheme' on the left hand column.



Here's what the Publication Scheme webpage looks like:

Publication Scheme

St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospital Trust is committed to pro-actively publishing information, to create a greater level of transparency within the Trust to ensure that all staff and members of the public can access information that they may find useful and of interest.

This publication scheme is designed to promote confidence and improve our organisational transparency.

St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust has produced this section of our site to guide staff and members of the public to the specific information that we hold and the classes in which it is contained.

The information we hold on this site has been condensed into seven categories.

Please click on the appropriate boxes below for more information.

Who we are and what we do?	What we spend and how we spend it?	What our priorities are and how we are doing?
FOI Contact Details	Our Policies & Procedures	Requests & Responses
How we make decisions	List and Registers	The Services we offer

Charges

The purpose of this scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust however reserve the right to make charges for certain information, however these charges will be justified and transparent and kept to a minimum. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Wards of Excellence



Ward Manager Donnas Wilkinson and members of the Burns Unit team accept their certificate from Pat Major, Assistant Director of Nursing.

Two wards at Whiston Hospital have been awarded 'Wards of Excellence' status for their outstanding clinical performance. The scheme has been set up by the Nursing Directorate as a way of measuring and improving the excellent work carried out by nursing staff on wards and in clinical areas.

The first two 'Wards of Excellence' to receive their certificates are the Mersey Regional Burns Unit, followed by the General Surgical Ward

Achieving this standard illustrates the fantastic work carried out by our nurses in providing an excellent level of care to patients.

Other wards are working towards the same achievement with the Surgical Assessment Unit next in line to receive their award.



Team members from Ward D3 receive their certificate from Pat Major, Assistant Director of Nursing.

WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST MRSA

We've extended our MRSA screening programme to help keep patients safe from infection.

Every single one of our patients who come for planned surgery is now screened for MRSA. If the infection is found, patients will be given a course of antiseptic body wash and ointment to use before further screenings.

The screening programme is just one of a range of measures used by the Trust to keep patients safe and will help maintain our high standards that resulted in maximum scores in the Healthcare Commission's Hygiene Code in 2008.

Anthea Quine from Runcorn was a patient at Whiston Hospital. She said: "I was perfectly happy to have the swab taken and I think it is important to have it done. It didn't hurt and wasn't even uncomfortable, so there's nothing to worry about."



Ward G2 staff nurse Janine Masters holding a swab with patient Anthea Quine.

Vikings Visit!



Dean Gaskell enjoys a hand massage from therapist Joan Leese.

Patients at the Lilac Centre were in for a treat when stars from Widnes Vikings dropped in to say hello.

Club skipper Mark Smith and team mates Dean Gaskell and John Duffy kindly took the time to visit St Helens Hospital and happily chatted to patients and signed autographs.

The players certainly made 15 year old Nathan Dolan's day. The Vikings fan was in the Lilac Centre, where his dad Mike is receiving treatment and was delighted to meet the stars and receive a signed rugby ball.

Dean Gaskell also took the opportunity to have a hand massage – one of the many therapies available to patients at the Lilac Centre.

It is also quickly becoming extremely popular with our local rugby league stars, Widnes favourite Dean following St Helens ace Kyle Eastmond who recently enjoyed a bit of pampering!

We wish Widnes well for the rest of the season.



Widnes stars Mark, John and Dean spent time chatting with patient Doreen Bascombe of Huyton and staff nurse Hollie Donaghy.



The Vikings present a signed ball to 15 year old Nathan Dolan of Widnes.

WHITEWATER RAFTING
Canolfan Tryweryn, Bala Saturday 27th June 2009

HAH HAH! HAH HAH!
My Yellow-bellied shipmates...
Are you ready for the ultimate adrenalin-fuelled trip!

Imagine the exhilaration of being carried down a steep, rocky mountain river, riding fast-flowing rapids, with nothing but a paddle and bunch of friends to guide you on your way.

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Limited places - book now!

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Ahoy me hearties!

The Stroke Association is holding a swashbuckling fundraiser at the White Water Rafting Centre in Bala, North Wales on Saturday 27th June and they are looking for fellow ship mates.

This family fun pirate themed event will involve white water rafting at Wales' National Whitewater Centre, a treasure hunt, face painting and a competition for best dressed pirate.

To enter you'll need to muster up 7 crew mates each pledging to raise £100 sponsorship (plus a 10 registration fee each). For more information or a registration form email Sandy Williams at sandy.williams@stroke.org.uk

Fond farewells...

Best wishes to two faithful members of staff who have recently retired:



Robin in full flow!

Dr Robin MacMillan, Consultant in Critical Care and Anaesthesia and former Medical Director at Whiston Hospital has now retired.

Friends, family and colleagues gathered at Rainhill Ex-Servicemens Club on 27th March to help celebrate Robin's retirement with an emotional evening for all. Following speeches from Ann Marr, Chief Executive, Mike Lynch, Medical Director and Robin himself there wasn't a dry eye in the house!

Robin has been a consultant at the hospital for 25 years, following earlier stints at Whiston in a SHO anaesthetic post, as well as registrar and senior registrar posts.

As a consultant, Robin established the first Mersey formal higher training posts for intensive care doctors and the highly regarded SHO critical care rotation for which Whiston Hospital is renowned. Robin was heavily involved in the design and planning

of the current critical care unit and as Medical Director for over a decade was pivotal in the drive to build the new hospital.

Robin is described by colleagues as 'a towering force in critical care' whose 'calm and reassuring manner and an amazing repertoire of clinical skills will be greatly missed.'

Robin assures us he will be busy in his retirement restoring old cars, doing a spot of DIY and travelling in France and Spain.



Robin sharing a laugh with Julie Woods



Robin with Terry Hankin



Robin and Steve Atherton



Robin's retirement gift: a caricature of Robin beside the new Whiston Hospital

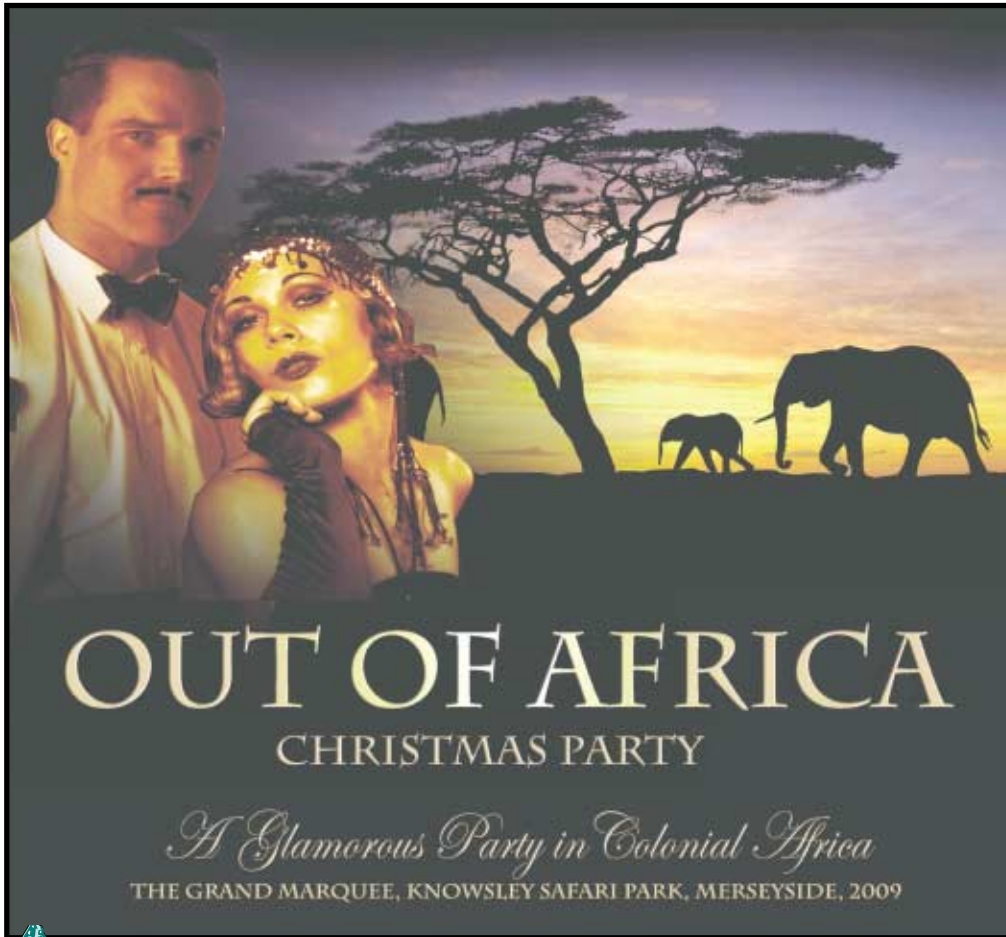
Dr Les Gordon, Consultant Anaesthetist retired this month after 24 years of service to the Trust.

Les was one of the Trust's first Clinical Directors, he was the Trust lead for clinical audit and created the department, which subsequently became C-GAARD, to support this work. Les praised the 'family' ethos of the Anaesthetics Department and during his retirement he is looking forward to spending more time walking in the Lake District and playing classical guitar.

From all at the Trust, thank you Dr Gordon and we wish you all the very best for the future.



Dr Gordon (seated left) with Dr Robert Howard (right) receiving a bound and inscribed book on Anaesthetics and Medicine signed by colleagues.



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News n Views on your hols

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Local Links

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) have been set up to enable people to influence health and social care services within their community.

LINKs replace the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forums and anyone can be involved. As local residents, individuals with an interest in health issues and as a point of contact for other local people, Trust staff will an important role in LINKs.

Membership of LINKs is free and open to individuals and voluntary and community groups, but you do not have to become a member to have your say. St Helens Council for Voluntary Service is holding an awareness event from 2 - 4.30pm on 22 April at the World of Glass.

For more information about LINKs in the area, contact:



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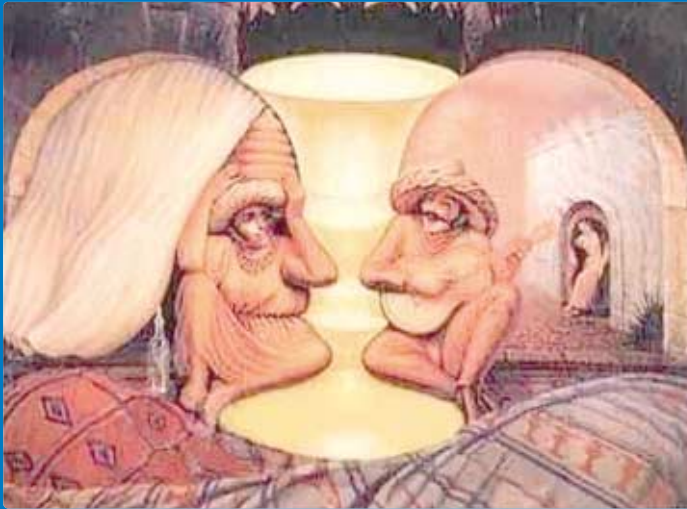
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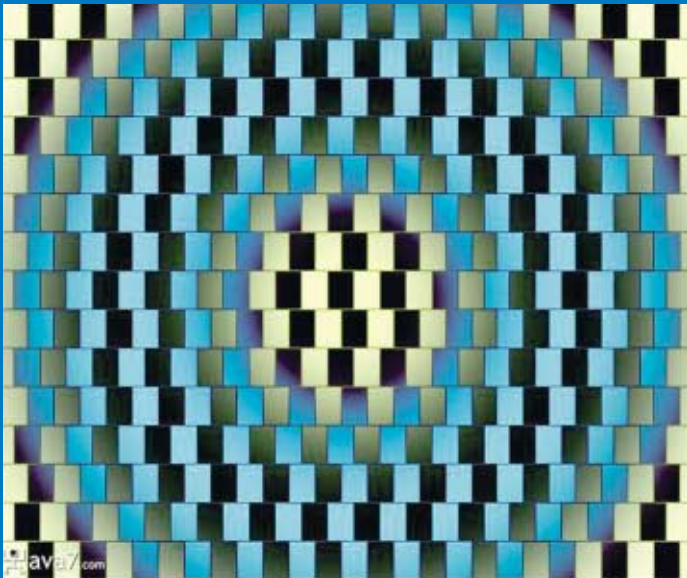
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It's all an **illusion!**

What do you see? An old couple or a couple of singers in sombreros?



Do the colours radiate from the centre?



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Did you know?



- Actor, Richard Gere's middle name is Tiffany.
- Panama Hats actually come from Ecuador.
- St Patrick came from Wales.
- The Canary Isles are named after the Latin word for Isle of Dogs (Insula Canaria). Canary birds are named after the islands.
- Champagne, the fizzy tippie we all enjoy at parties was invented by the English not the French.
- Whenever a month starts on a Sunday, the 13th of the month will always be on a Friday.
- There are more Tigers in the USA than India.
- The Earth has at least seven moons.
- The largest man made structure on the planet is Fresh Kills, a rubbish dump on Staten Island, New York.
- The first invention to break the sound barrier was the whip. The crack of the whip is actually a mini sonic boom.

Staff **News 'n' Views**

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Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in producing this edition.

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