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Landmark anniversary for University Hospital Wishaw

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Theatre education coordinator Sharon Westmorland has more reasons than most to remember the move from Law Hospital to University Hospital Wishaw twenty years ago.

The end of May marked twenty years since University Hospital Wishaw – named Wishaw General Hospital until 2017 – opened with 144 patients transferred safely at the time from Law Hospital to the new purpose-built hospital.

Sharon, from Stewartfield, East Kilbride, was 32 weeks pregnant at the time of the move and her daughter Beth, now approaching her twentieth birthday, was born at the newly formed maternity unit a matter of weeks after it opened.

Sharon recalled: “There was some excitement and also apprehension about the move. Law Hospital was very much a community hospital and we had a great community spirit with a lot of the staff born and bred nearby.

“One of my friend’s mother worked there as a nurse during the Second World War, looking after prisoners of war before it became an NHS hospital. There was a lot of history and a connection to Law Hospital but everyone could see the benefits and advantages of moving to a modern, purpose-built hospital.

“The teamwork during the move was fantastic. It was an exciting time and everyone felt well supported. From a patient perspective, there was no comparison. At Law Hospital, patients who were going into intensive care after major surgery had to go in a van through all sorts of weather. Moving to the new site, intensive care was at the end of the corridor from theatre.



“The winter before the move saw Law Hospital cut off in a snow drift. Ambulances were stuck outside and we had to get the army in. I’m sure there were still piles of snow at the side of the road when we left Law Hospital for the final time.”

The move took place on the weekend of May 25. Sharon didn’t have too much time to work in the new hospital before going on maternity leave. She was soon back in her new surroundings though but this time as a patient.

Sharon said: “The maternity unit opened up in the middle of June, a couple of weeks after the initial move. I only had a few weeks working at the new hospital but I was soon back in the new maternity theatres giving birth to my second daughter Beth on Friday 13 July.

“Leading up to the move we had a team at Wishaw to get oriented and a team still at Law. We had to get everything ready to go. On the weekend of the move there was a team of us that stayed at Law Hospital until the Monday to make sure everything was as it should be and the transition to the new site had gone as planned.

“I had worked at Law Hospital since January 1990. I was a senior sister for recovery and anaesthetics, then my role evolved to focus on patient safety and improvement, then into my current role as education coordinator.

“Within theatres alone, there are 13 staff still here twenty years after the move. We work closely with the intensive care staff and a number of them are also still here twenty years later.

“There has of course been changes over the last twenty years in surgery due to technological advances. Patients who used to be in hospital for weeks can be out in days.”

The passing of time has also brought some sadness with the sudden death of University Hospital Wishaw chief of medical services and consultant surgeon, Mr Hakim BenYounes last November.

Sharon said: “We have sadly lost some staff members over the years. Losing Mr BenYounes was a huge blow for the team as we had all worked with Hakim since Law and he was a leader and colleague.”



Heather's video message 4 June

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In this video, Heather gives her regular update on the number of Covid-19 cases and the progress of the vaccination programme.

Heather also speaks about our strategic direction – recovery and remobilisation – and the priorities coming out from the Scottish Government and the new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care.

Heather's video can be viewed on:

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0WTKqXI>
- Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/558943265>

Longest Covid ICU patient thanks staff

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Neil McLaughlin – who is believed to have had the longest stay in an intensive care unit in Scotland with COVID-19 (167 days) – says thank you to staff at University Hospital Hairmyres after a total of 195 days at the hospital.

Neil was admitted in November 2020, so he has missed Christmas, New Year, Easter and both his and his partner Wendy's birthday!

Vimeo – <https://vimeo.com/559920481>

You Tube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3IANQol77U>

Six months since the first covid-19 vaccine

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It's been six months since our COVID-19 vaccination programme for staff started on 8 December 2020 and the programme has recently completed second doses.

The programme was not only open to patient-facing health and social care staff, but also included care at home staff, education additional support needs staff, residential care for children staff and students on placement.

This meant that during the course of the programme 36,164 people were referred to Salus to receive their vaccination at one of the 14 clinics across Lanarkshire.

Kay Japp, principal occupational health advisor, said: "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the staff vaccination programme.

"It took staff from across the organisation to bring this programme together to vaccinate so many people. It included not only Salus staff, but also bank staff, pharmacy, procurement, transport and porters to name but a few.

"It means that our patient-facing staff now have longer-lasting protection against COVID-19 and can continue to provide first-class care for all those in our communities."

If you are a patient-facing member of staff and still need to receive your vaccination, you can book through the Salus referral and booking system at <https://c19vac.salus.co.uk>

The system provides appointments at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility in Motherwell and the Alistair McCoist Complex in East Kilbride. This is available until Friday 11 June – after you should contact NHS Scotland if you think you should have received an invitation to



coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination appointment by now. You can do this by calling 0800 030 8013 or by [completing an online form](#).

For more information visit www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments/missing-appointment-details

If you've already received your vaccinations and need proof, the Scottish Government has launched a covid-19 vaccination status scheme, where you can access your vaccination status.

If you were vaccinated through the Salus staff vaccination programme, you can access your record at www.nhsinform.scot/covid19status by using the 'recover username' link. You will also need to know the date of your first vaccination.



Chair of NHS Lanarkshire thanks vaccination staff

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On receiving her second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, Neena Mahal, Chair of NHS Lanarkshire, says a 'huge thank you' to all of the staff working in our vaccination centres.

The video can be viewed on Vimeo and You Tube:

- Vimeo – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if7ULT9HG-E>
- You Tube – <https://vimeo.com/560335376>

What Matters to You Day

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Today is What Matters to You Day.

The 'what matters' to you approach helps to establish a relationship, it also helps us understand the person in the context of their own life and the things that are most important to them.

With this crucial insight we are in a much better position to work with the person to find the best way forward for them.

Eddie Docherty, executive director for nursing, midwifery and allied health professions, has a short video message for staff:

Vimeo – <https://vimeo.com/557662575>

You Tube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7VfVNAs77M>



Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire celebrates international What Matters to You? Day

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Service users, family and staff across North Lanarkshire are being encouraged to have a 'What matters to you?' conversation.

Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire (HSCNL) is participating in the international What Matters To You? Day, with awareness raising activities being held across mental health and learning disability services. The aim is create more meaningful conversations between those who provide and receive health and social care all year round.

Staff are joining colleagues from across 11 countries – as widespread as New Zealand and Canada – in a bid to improve health and social care by really understanding the important things in people's lives.



Karen McCaffrey, associate nurse director for mental health and learning disabilities, HSCNL, said: "What Matters to You Day is very important in helping us to have conversations with service users and their loved ones.

"Our staff have embraced it as it really is a wonderful opportunity for service users to talk with staff – and with their loved ones – to really understand the huge benefits of person-centred care.

"We know from experience – and growing international evidence – that focusing on what really matters to people can play a large part in the quality and effectiveness of their care.

"This type of approach can help staff and patients in a range of ways. It helps to establish a relationship, but it also helps staff to understand the person and the things that are most important to them. As a result, staff are in a much better position to work with the person to find the best way forward for them.

"When you have this type of conversation about the things that really matter to people it helps our staff do their job more effectively and it helps the person to live the sort of life that is meaningful and fulfilling for them.

"Asking 'What matters to you?' is becoming one of the fundamental questions we ask our service users. Shared decision-making is a two-way relationship of helping people to reflect on, and express, their preferences based on their personal circumstances, expectations, beliefs and values."

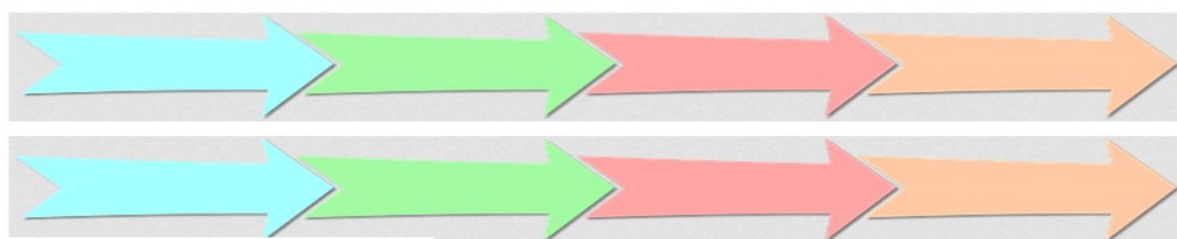


learnPro course booking system coming soon

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[learnPro course booking system \(CBS\)](#)

The learnPro course booking system (CBS) will be fully operational in NHS Lanarkshire from 1 July, providing staff with the ability to book online training and face-to-face training courses.



Agnes Robb, learning and development manager, organisational development, said: "It's really important that – over the next few weeks – managers and staff ensure that information recorded on their learnPro account is accurate and up-to-date and that it reflects their current role, location and manager. Failure to do this will result in staff being

unable to book on any training courses and managers will be unable to authorise staff attending any training."

Staff should note that, if their account is registered with a LAN temporary number, this require to be updated with their actual pay number.



For any help to edit or update your details, please click [here](#) to access a user guide.

Further updates will be available during the month of June in preparation of the launch of the learnPro course booking system in July.

For any queries, please raise a request via HR Service Now, which is available on [FirstPort](#).

