

# STAFF News'n'Views

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## Celebrating 75 years of our wonderful NHS!



## Thank you for all your hard work

# The Birthday begins at Whiston Hospital

It was an early start for our staff at Whiston Hospital who took to the airwaves on Radio Merseyside and stepped on to our screens on ITV's Good Morning Britain to say happy birthday to the NHS – all before 9am!



Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive, and Richard Fraser, Chairman, arrived to join the celebrations with staff, and to lead the official cake cutting. They were delighted that so many staff took time out from their day to say hello and join a big group photo.



As you'd expect, there were loads of sweet treats to enjoy - and the special NHS75 cupcakes disappeared very quickly!

In the afternoon there was one final surprise for staff: a visit from the LFC tour bus and our Liverpool legend friends with the Champion's League trophy! What a fantastic way to end the day.



# Celebrations at Southport Hospital

Our fun at Southport kicked off with the opening of our marvellous marketplace in the Wellbeing Garden. Staff from across the hospital and our colleagues in NHS Professionals ran a number of information stalls, and shared ideas and good practice – with a few special prizes up for grabs too!



Staff were also treated to team photos at the magical selfie mirror, with their pictures instantly printed to take back to their offices as a little keepsake from the day.

Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive, and Richard Fraser, Chairman, arrived to join in the celebrations, and lead the official NHS75 cake cutting. There was barely any room to move! It was incredible to see so many staff arriving to join in with the big group photo and enjoying lots of cake.



Afterwards staff moved through to the Garden of Reflection for a mini concert by the Live to Learn Choir. There was a really joyous atmosphere, and it was lovely to see staff and patients looking down from the windows into the courtyard.



# A big birthday par-tea at Ormskirk Hospital



We had a special gift for teams based at Ormskirk Hospital: par-tea boxes, filled with everything our staff would need to hold their own parties across the organisation!

There were also free refreshments available in main reception, and a number of staff bought raffle tickets, kindly supporting our charity.



Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive, and Richard Fraser, Chairman, visited the hospital for the grand official cake cutting and photo in main reception – thank you to everyone who took the time to pop along to say hello, and share in the celebratory atmosphere.



A big thank you to the staff who worked hard to organise the celebrations, and sent in lovely photos of their parties!



# Celebrating our wonderful NHS at Newton Hospital

Our teams at Newton Hospital had a great day marking the 75 years of amazing patient care our NHS has delivered.

We loved seeing the photos of our staff having a wonderful time, we could fill pages and pages with them!



In the afternoon Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive, and Richard Fraser, Chairman, arrived to cut the big 75th birthday cake with staff. Of course we also had to mark the day with an official photo, and we were delighted by how many staff came along to take part.

Happy Birthday NHS!



# 75th birthday fun at St Helens Hospital



St Helens Hospital looked amazing, decked out in celebratory bunting and balloons!



We began the day with the opening of our marvellous marketplace - thank you to all the staff who offered their time to run a stall. It was a great way to share best

practice with other teams, and make connections between different departments.

Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive, and Richard Fraser, Chairman, visited the hospital to share in the celebrations with staff. When it was time for the official cake cutting, Ann and Richard led the group for the official 75th birthday photo. It was lovely to see lots of smiles and laughter.



Thank you to everyone at St Helens Hospital who joined us for an amazing day.



# Cupcakes galore at our community sites



We made sure staff at our community sites didn't miss out on the birthday fun with special deliveries of boxes and boxes of NHS75 cupcakes.



Thank you to the teams at Horton Lodge, Garswood PCRC, Fingerpost Park Health Centre, Rainhill Clinic, Lowe House, St Helens UTC, Knowsley College, and Jubilee Court for celebrating with us!

Some teams were extra lucky and found a sparkling Golden Ticket in their cupcake box, winning them a special team lunch! Congratulations!



# A message from Ann Marr OBE, Chief Executive

Dear all,

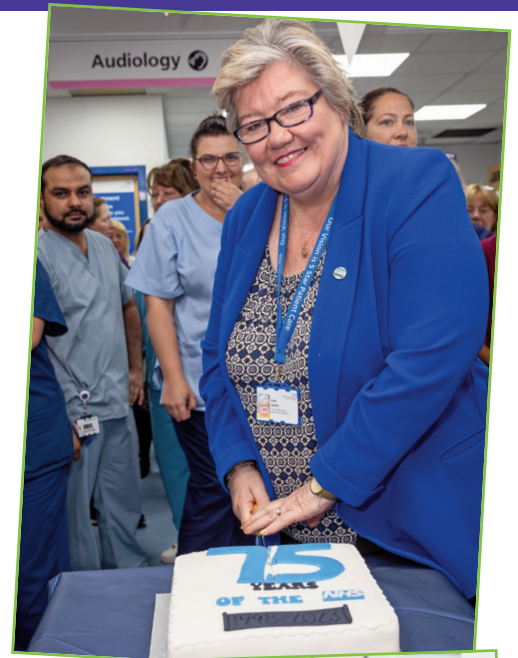
**It was a genuine privilege to visit our hospitals on the landmark 75th birthday of the NHS.**

This year's event was made even more special because it was the first time we've celebrated together as Team MWL. It was wonderful for Richard and I to see so many of you, and share a slice of cake, or a cupcake or two!

I know how dedicated you are to delivering the best patient care every day, and your compassion and your commitment to supporting each other is exemplary. Despite the challenges facing the NHS on a national scale you always reflect the values of our organisation in everything you do.

I'm very proud of you all, and I'm looking forward to working with you to make our new Trust the pride of the NHS. Together we can do it.

**Ann Marr OBE**  
Chief Executive



## Patient Poem

Thank you to patient Wilf Sephton for this heart-warming poem he sent to us to mark this special day.



NHS a system so rare  
Abundant in all patients' care  
Treatments guaranteed morn till night  
Instantly NHS staff get things right  
Offering services of every kind  
Nurses giving people peace of mind  
Answering all patients' call  
Lots of free service for all  
Health workers all do it for love  
Each saint and angel guided from above  
Ambulance staff cream of the crop  
Looking for heroes, they're at the top  
Theatre staff are second to none  
Happy in the work they have done  
Surgeons' work is heavenly planned  
Every operation guided by god's own hand  
Regards to every member of the NHS  
Vouching for everyone who progress  
If I could, I would be part of this crew  
Choosing the best job that I could do  
Everyone say thanks NHS. I would, would you?