Read All About It!

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Welcome to this edition of the GP Practice Newsletter which gives news and up-dates from us. We hope that all the staff within your Practice will find this useful.

Lord Howe Sees Renal Innovation in Action

Lord Howe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Health has visited Manchester Royal Infirmary to speak to patients benefitting from an award-winning innovation.

In June, the renal team at Manchester Royal Infirmary was awarded an Innovation Challenge prize for their work in offering renal patients dialysis at home. As well as making treatment easier and more convenient for patients, it has also saved the NHS thousands of pounds. They will be formally presented with their prize by Lord Howe, alongside the other winners. Lord Howe will then be given a tour of the Renal Dialysis Unit at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

The renal team has developed a home haemodialysis programme which enables and trains patients to dialyse at home, avoiding the need for regular visits to hospital for treatment. Patients who choose to go on the programme undergo training at their own pace so that they are fully prepared and confident from the outset.

Making It Better Up-date

As most of you may be aware, the Making it Better changes at Salford Royal Hospital will come into effect in November. The changes will see in-patient maternity care and the Neonatal Unit transfer to other sites across Greater Manchester, of which Saint Mary’s is one.

Important dates:
- Monday 14th November – From 7.30 am, women will no longer be admitted to Salford Royal’s maternity unit. Women who have selected Saint Mary’s as their alternative choice will deliver here if they go into labour after 7.30 am. Triage will no longer be provided on Salford Royal site.
- Monday 14th November – The Antenatal Assessment Unit at Salford Royal will continue to run this week but will do so using the new Saint Mary’s criteria.
- Monday 14th to Thursday 17th November – Women and babies who are not well enough to be discharged home from Salford Royal will be transferred to Saint Mary’s Hospital or Royal Bolton Hospital as appropriate.
• Monday 21st November – We will take over the management of the Antenatal Assessment Unit and the unit will be managed in line with our referral criteria. Triage will not be part of this service.
• Wednesday 23rd November – We will begin to run Antenatal Clinics on the Salford Royal site for women under the care of our team but living in Salford.
• Monday 5th December – The ‘Saint Mary’s Birth Centre in Salford’ will open, allowing women to deliver in Salford under the care of our midwifery team. This unit will be managed by our newly recruited team, many of whom have worked at Salford Royal for many years.

We look forward to caring for the women of Salford and providing them with the same high level of care that Saint Mary’s women have received for many years. We will be sending referral criteria for our units to GPs in the Salford area in the coming weeks to ensure you know when and how you can refer women to us.

Anyone Who Has a Heart

An innovative light sculpture has recently been lit up on a very windy evening. ‘Anyone who has a Heart’ was made by artists Andrew Small and Steven Almond and was commissioned by Lime Arts and the Trust through a special arts programme allocation from Charitable Funds. Chair of the Corporate Citizenship Working Group, Sue Webster officially cut the ribbon.

Director of Lime Arts, Brian Chapman thanked everyone for attending and paid tribute to the artists. He added: “Hospitals are about life

The sculpture, which is sited on the Boulevard, aims to catch attention through its form, textures and movement, giving a sense of fun and playfulness for all ages. When you approach the sculpture walk around it to trigger the light display then hold onto the stainless steel hand grips. There are electrodes embedded in the handgrips that monitor your heart rate and translate that into a red light display synchronised with your pulse.

It can also tell you the time as every hour; the sculpture turns into a clock. The sequence is explained on the floor panel. The work also uses control devices that can be updated and changed as the technologies develop. The idea was to make an iconic work fitting the function of a hospital whilst being engaging and interactive for all ages.

Artist Andrew Small said: “A hospital is more than just a building; it is a living machine and a machine for living. The work as a whole alludes to a simple, precious and fascinating human commonality: the beat of the heart.”

Cystic Fibrosis Screening Event – 11th November

For full details and how to book go to:

http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/info-for-health-professionals/events.aspx

Grand Christmas Raffle

You could be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes in the Grand Christmas Raffle raising money for Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Charity.

Prizes up for grabs in the raffle include £500 of Trafford Centre vouchers, a Manchester city centre weekend package including an overnight stay with dinner and breakfast at the four star Palace Hotel and a £100 Trafford Centre voucher, along with a comedy night package that includes a voucher for Ning restaurant and four tickets to Manchester’s Frog and Bucket comedy club.
There are also five runner up prizes including two tickets to a play at the Royal Exchange, afternoon tea at the Midland Hotel and vouchers for Piccolino Restaurant.

Tickets are on sale now for £1 per ticket and are available by calling the Charity team on 0161 276 4522. Raffle books will need to be returned to the Charity Office before the 9th December to be entered into the draw which will take place on Monday 12th December, meaning you could have those Trafford Centre Vouchers in time for Christmas.

**Dedicated Phone line for GPs**

If a patient needs to be admitted to one of our hospitals or you need urgent advice you should call 0800 515 807.

Calls to this number are given a higher priority of answer on the Switchboard and are directed straight to the top of the queue ensuring that the caller does not wait long for a response.

**Information for Patients**

If you are referring patients to us and need to provide them with information about how to find us, parking etc all this information is available on our website. From the home page there are links at the top to each hospital and each hospital has a Plan Your Visit section. Under this section there is a Map and Directions option. This page has downloadable maps. Here are the links to each of the pages for our hospitals:

- Manchester Royal Infirmary: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-infirmary/plan-your-visit.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-infirmary/plan-your-visit.aspx)
- Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/childrens-hospitals/plan-your-visit.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/childrens-hospitals/plan-your-visit.aspx)
- University Dental Hospital of Manchester: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/dental/plan-your-visit.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/dental/plan-your-visit.aspx)
- Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-eye/plan-your-visit.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-eye/plan-your-visit.aspx)
- Saint Mary’s Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/plan-your-visit.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/plan-your-visit.aspx)

**Dial Direct**

If you need to contact a department in our hospitals please call them direct. Direct dial numbers are available on our internet:

- Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/childrens-hospitals/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/childrens-hospitals/contact-us.aspx)
- Manchester Dental Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/dental/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/dental/contact-us.aspx)
- Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-eye/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-eye/contact-us.aspx)
- Manchester Royal Infirmary: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-infirmary/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/royal-infirmary/contact-us.aspx)
- Saint Mary’s Hospital: [http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/contact-us.aspx](http://www.cmft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/contact-us.aspx)

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