

The Women's View



Liverpool Women's Hospital does Strictly

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Thank you and Merry Christmas from Kathryn Thomson

Welcome to the final edition of 'The Women's View' for 2022. Christmas is just around the corner, the hospital is looking beautiful and we're all feeling festive thanks to our amazing League of Friends. These wonderful ladies work had each year decorating the Hospital and we are truly grateful for their time and dedication.

When I think back over the year and how far we've come it gives me a great sense of pride of what we have achieved. The beginning of the year was exceptionally challenging, but as it begins to come to a close we have many reasons to be proud.

We recently celebrated our wonderful staff at the Dedicated to Excellence Awards, face to face for the first time in over 2 years. It was fantastic to celebrate with staff in person once again, seeing everyone dancing and having fun makes it all worthwhile. Once again congratulations to our worthy winners and thank you to everyone who nominated and our sponsors who supported the event.

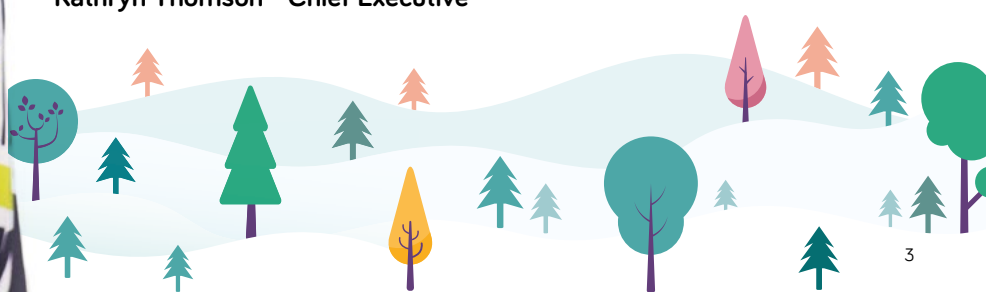
Another wonderful event I would like to mention is LWH does 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Colleagues from across the Trust came together and performed to an audience of over 400 people and we couldn't have been prouder, they certainly brought the house down. The night raised over £42k for Liverpool Women's Bereavement Suite Appeal, making it one of our most successful fundraising events to date. Special thanks to the Fundraising Team for all their efforts in pulling it all off, months and months of planning and hours and hours of hard work did not go unnoticed! Read more about LWH does Strictly and see all the pictures on page 4.

Finally, I would like to thank our patients and families for choosing Liverpool Women's. Our staff are truly dedicated to providing world class care to the people of Liverpool and beyond.

I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Many thanks,

Kathryn Thomson - Chief Executive





Crown Street Enhancements Programme update

Liverpool Women's Hospital has recently launched a new Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) in partnership with Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, Liverpool University Hospitals and Clatterbridge Cancer Centre on the Crown Street site.

This provides faster access to essential diagnostic tests for people across the local area, in a location closer to home and away from acute hospital sites.

The CDC will also help to reduce some of the current clinical challenges Liverpool Women's Hospital encounters by giving its patients direct access to more diagnostic services on site, without having to be transported to other locations. The CDC already delivers a range of diagnostic testing for CT scanning and Respiratory testing. We have also recently had delivered our mobile MRI unit which will further enable us to provide essential access to testing.

It's really important to us to understand what our community, our members and the people using our services think of our plans; so we did lots of engagement on social media asking you to share your thoughts with us and this helped us name the new CDC which is to be called the '*Crown Street Community Diagnostic Centre*' so a huge thank you to all who got involved.

Our mobile MRI scanner is in its second month on site here at Liverpool Women's providing local patients access to important diagnostic testing that they may have otherwise had to wait longer for. All part of our Community Diagnostic Centre which is making great progress and we are excited to be working towards opening the doors in 2023.



Strictly for Liverpool Women's Hospital

Oh! What a night...

Our wonderful Fundraising Team pulled off the event of the year a few weeks back with LWH does Strictly. Ten members of staff were paired with ten professional dancers and had six weeks to prepare. From the Jive to the waltz we had it all.

Performing on stage to an audience of over 400 is not for the faint hearted, all of our staff had no previous dance experience and to say they brought the house down is an understatement. We couldn't have been prouder.

Massive shout out to our amazing staff for taking on this epic challenge and for helping us raise so much money:

Natalie Canham	Will Cowan
Carl Griffiths	Jay Hughes – grateful patient
Bernadette Kearney	Puru Natarajan
Gary Price	Jen Robinson
Sarah Walker	Kate Walsh

The night raised over £42k for our Bereavement suite appeal. Making it one of our most successful fundraising events to date. Specials thanks to our dancers, judges, volunteers, guests and prize givers who helped create such a spectacular night.

We continue to fundraise for The Bereavement Suite Appeal throughout 2023, aiming to provide dedicated spaces across the Hospital for those families who have experienced baby loss. If you would like to donate please email: fundraising@lwh.nhs.uk or you can donate £10 by texting COMFORT to 70470.



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The Hewitt Fertility Centres are the first fertility clinic in the UK to introduce the Cryo Robot Select

The Hewitt Fertility Centres are excited to announce the arrival and installation of the TMRW Life Sciences Cryo Robot Select at Hewitt, Liverpool. The first fertility clinic in the UK to receive the world's first automated platform for the safe management and care of frozen eggs and embryos.

In fertility centres world-wide, current systems for cryostorage (freezing and storage of eggs and embryos) are largely based on technology developed nearly 40 years ago. These are manual storage systems that involve handling of specimens and manual recording of patient data. Manual systems result in unnecessary handling of patient samples when accessing for unrelated treatment, or auditing cryostorage contents as required by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA).

Over the past three years, the Hewitt Fertility Centres have performed in-depth studies to quantify the risks involved in providing the cryostorage of human eggs, sperm, and embryos across the fertility sector, and have demonstrated that there continues to be risks associated with IVF cryostorage processes, including those clinics using RFID witnessing technology and with robust risk-considered operating procedures in place.

The Cryo Robot Select (CRS) by TMRW Life Sciences, is the first automated platform that allows for the safe management and care of frozen eggs and embryos and has very recently become available for IVF cryostorage. The CRS digitally tracks and monitors frozen eggs and embryos eliminating most potential points of failure and reducing the manual steps to a fraction of the current systems used world-wide.

Rachel Gregoire, Scientific Director and HFEA Person Responsible of The Hewitt Fertility Centres said:

“Here at the Hewitt Fertility Centres we are very excited to be the first fertility clinic in the UK and in Europe to introduce the CRS into our laboratories. We have started an independent validation study, based on our current operating procedures, to verify if the CRS can reduce clinical risk and optimise storage conditions for our own patients, before offering this as part of our clinical service.”

“Quality and safety for our patients and their precious samples is of paramount importance to us, and the Hewitt Fertility Centres are extremely fortunate to work within Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust who support us in delivering innovative, evidence-based fertility services for our patients. As one of the largest fertility clinics in the UK, the Hewitt Fertility Centre continues to lead on innovation and introduction of new technologies into the field of fertility.”

The CRS, developed and manufactured in the UK, has now been installed for validation studies at The Hewitt Fertility Centre, Liverpool ahead of clinical use in the near future.



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Retirement - Dr Usha Prabhu

Staff celebrated a fond farewell to Dr Usha Prabhu, Speciality Doctor in Gynaecology who after 50 years in the NHS has now retired.

Usha joined the Liverpool Women's in January 2008. Pictures include a lovely image of Dr Prabhu who graduated in Moscow in 1972. We would like to thank Dr Prabhu for her committed service and wish her a very happy retirement.



Change to Board of Directors



Dianne Brown appointed to role of Chief Nurse

We are pleased to announce that Dianne Brown has been appointed to the role of Chief Nurse. We would like to congratulate Dianne on her appointment and for her commitment to supporting the Trust in an interim capacity over recent months.

We are delighted to welcome Dianne back to Liverpool Women's in a permanent capacity.



Jenny Hannon appointed to the role of Chief Finance Officer

We are pleased to announce that Jenny Hannon (currently Interim Associate Director of System Partnerships) has been appointed to the role of Chief Finance Officer. Jenny will commence her new role from 1 January 2023.

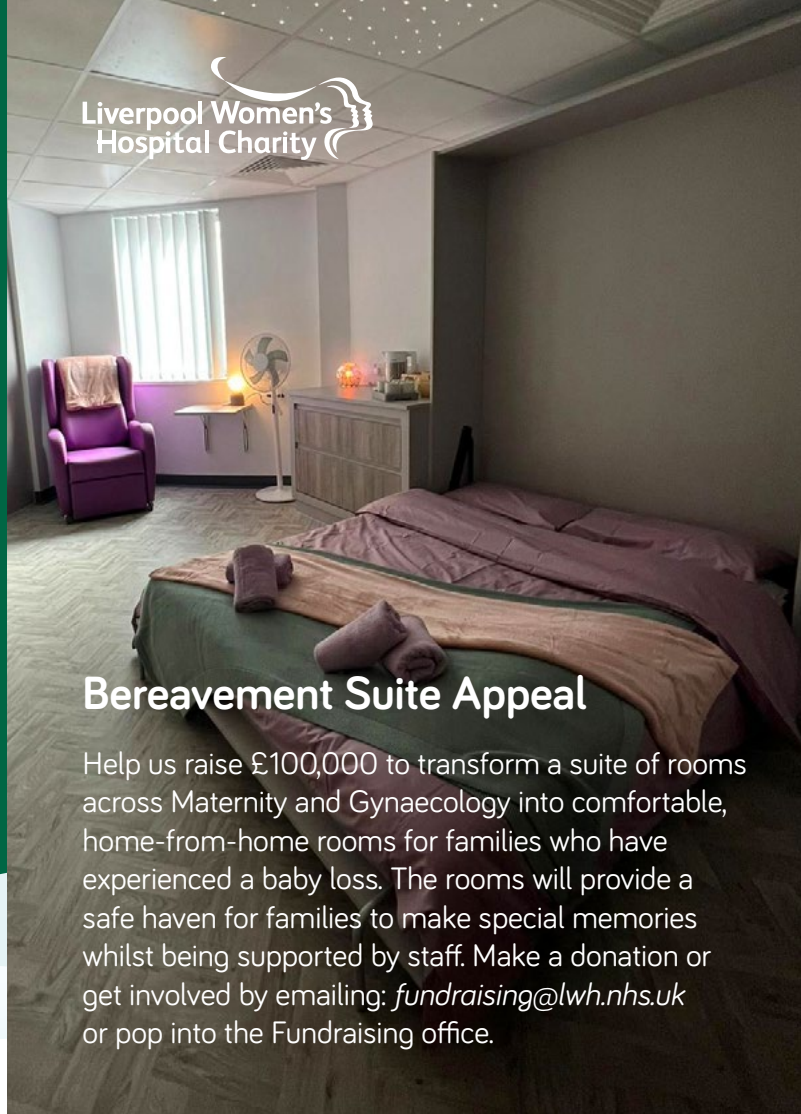
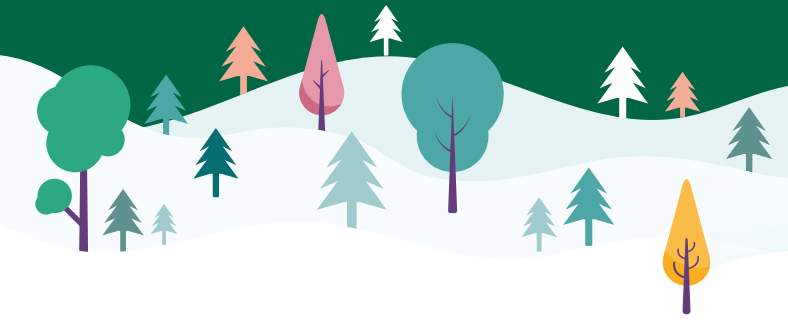
Our current Chief Finance Officer, Eva Horgan, will be leaving LWH on 31 December 2022. We would like to thank Eva for her support since joining the Trust in 2018. In particular, we would like to mention Eva's dedication and commitment to our *Future Generations* Strategy and for navigating the Trust through a difficult couple of years during the COVID-19 pandemic, we wish Eva well for the future.



Market stalls Liverpool Women's Hospital reception

A number of market stalls will be at LWH again this month, more information about what's on offer is online.

[View here](#)



Bereavement Suite Appeal

Help us raise £100,000 to transform a suite of rooms across Maternity and Gynaecology into comfortable, home-from-home rooms for families who have experienced a baby loss. The rooms will provide a safe haven for families to make special memories whilst being supported by staff. Make a donation or get involved by emailing: fundraising@lwh.nhs.uk or pop into the Fundraising office.

Want to tick something off your bucket list in 2023? Have a look at our charity's calendar of events.

- Liverpool Half Marathon
 - Charity SKYDIVE with Black Knights Parachute Centre
 - Wirral Coastal Walk
 - Liverpool Cathedral Abseil
 - Three Peaks Challenge
- Sunday 26 March
Saturday 20 May
Sunday 11 June
July (dates to be confirmed)
Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 August

Please email: fundraising@lwh.nhs.uk or pop into the Fundraising office opposite the admin reception to register your interest or to find out more. The charity has purchased a limited number of places for each event. Don't miss out on one of these exciting opportunities in 2023.

