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NHS 60 Special

A host of events were held across the Trust to mark the 60th Anniversary of the NHS, which was founded on 5th July 1948.

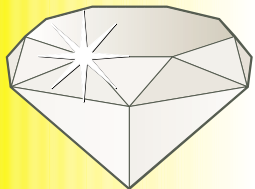
It has been a good opportunity not only to celebrate the past, but also to tell people about the services we offer today and the fantastic facilities we will be providing in our new hospitals.

A big thank you to all our valued staff for your continuing hard work and commitment.



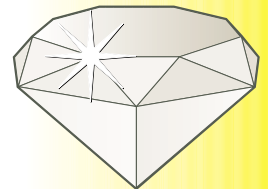
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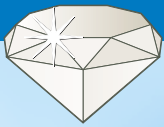


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NHS60 Celebrations at the Trust:

- Banners at various hospital entrances
- Celebration lunch for all staff
- A gift for all staff
- Celebration cake for all patients
- Chapel Service with local schoolchildren
- Civic Reception
- Archive display in the main corridor at Whiston
- Display stand at the St Helens Festival
- Special edition of News 'n' Views
- Local newspaper features
- BBC Radio Merseyside feature





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Civic Reception



The Trust was honoured with a civic reception at St Helens Town Hall to mark 60 years of the NHS.

More than 50 members of staff from Whiston and St Helens Hospitals were thanked for their continuing hard work by the Mayor of St Helens, Cllr John Beirne.

Staff also enjoyed the opportunity of a guided tour of the Town Hall and the Mayor's Parlour.

Cllr Beirne said: "I am very pleased to welcome staff from the Trust to the Town Hall to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the NHS. The fact that the NHS is still going strong is no mean feat in itself and without these staff, we would still be struggling with many people unable to afford to see a doctor, let alone receive treatment.

"On behalf of the people of the borough, may I thank you for your dedication and for all that you have done and continue to do for us."



Staff are given a tour of the Mayor's Parlour.





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Celebration Lunches

Celebration lunches were held on the same day for staff at both Whiston and St Helens Hospitals, with provision made for night staff to make sure that nobody missed out.



Staff packed the Recreation Hall at Whiston to mark the anniversary.



The lunches were a great way for the Trust to show how much the hard work of everybody is truly valued.

And, as these pictures show, a great time was had by all!

Ann Marr, Chief Executive, cuts the cake at St Helens

'Happy Anniversary' from the Chief Executive

Those of us who are in the NHS today have inherited a precious legacy. One that we must protect by responding to both the health needs and the consumer demands of the 21st Century; providing our patients with high quality care in a safe, clean environment and treating each one of them with respect and dignity.

We've got our new buildings and it's nice that the 60th Anniversary of the NHS coincides with the opening of the new St Helens Hospital, but the real difference the NHS makes to people's lives is through the care that is given.

That's down to you, the way you care every day for every patient. I know it's hard to treat every patient like they're the most special person in the world, but they are.

We, the Trust Board, want to recognise that achievement and celebrate our 60th anniversary by providing every member of staff with a small commemorative gift and these celebration lunches.

Happy anniversary and thank you all.

Ann Marr

The gift for all staff





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Chapel Service

Staff were treated to a colourful, arty and musical anniversary celebration by pupils at Whiston Willis Primary School.

The Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Chapel Service at Whiston Hospital to mark NHS 60.

They kindly made anniversary cards, wrote poems and sang beautifully at the Chapel.



The pupils treat staff to some of their favourite songs

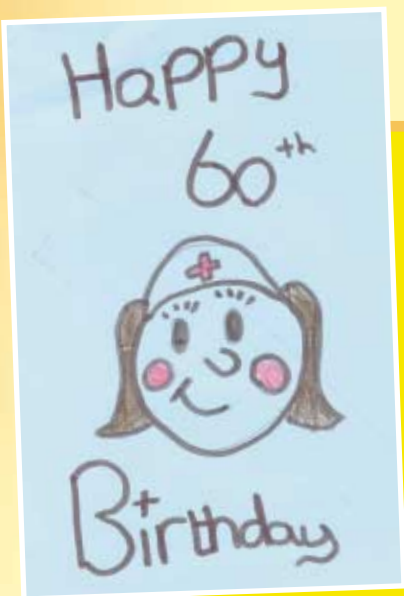


Ann Marr thanks the pupils with a few rhyming couplets of her own!

The children very kindly read out poems they had written themselves



The pupils of Whiston Willis Primary with headteacher Elaine Maloney, Ann Marr, Chief Executive and Les Howell, Trust Chairman.



Whiston Hospital is the best,
Helping People in the Northwest,
In and out everyday,
Some people go and some people stay,
Taking all the pain away,
Open all day, open all night,
No injury is too hard to fight,
Happy 60th Birthday!

Jack Roberts, age 11, Whiston Willis Primary School

Babies born, adults being cared for,
No other hospital does more.
Thank you for making everybody live longer
And making people stronger

Allysha, age 11, Whiston Willis Primary School

