

**Chair's Business
(September 2023)
Good News Stories**

Title	Details
Three out of three for Trust Trauma and Orthopaedic service	<p>Our Trauma and Orthopaedic service has recorded a hat-trick of national awards for the high-quality information it provides about joint replacement surgery. The team has gained national accreditation as a NJR Quality Data Provider for their commitment to patient safety, for the third successive year. It first won the award in 2021.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Nurses 'master' their midwifery skills	<p>Seven new midwives have taken up posts after completing a new two year programme. They are among the first recruits to graduate from a new Masters in Midwifery course at Queen's University Belfast, which was designed to enable registered nurses to become fully qualified midwives in two years.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Oaklands Short Breaks Unit Armagh 30 Years	<p>We are celebrating 30 years of Oaklands Short Breaks Unit in Armagh. Staff, service users, carers and families marked this special occasion at a recent event held at the Navan Centre in Armagh. Oaklands opened in 1993 to offer residential breaks for children and young people with complex disabilities from across the Southern Trust area.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Information sessions for people with MS	<p>Our MS Nursing Service have been hosting information sessions for those with a recent diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The sessions provide vital information and support to those who have recently received a confirmed diagnosis of MS in a relaxed and informal session.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Trust Partner in Mental Health Resource	<p>In recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day on the September 10, it is important that there is easy access to user-friendly tools and resources to support mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>For many people actively tuning into and managing their mental health is part of their regular routine and is an effective approach to building resilience, preventing issues arising and if issues and stresses do arise, dealing with them at an early stage.</p> <p>Read more</p>
New Physiotherapy Department	<p>Over 20,000 appointments have been held in a new bespoke Physiotherapy outpatient department on the St Luke's site following an extensive refurbishment.</p> <p>Clover Physiotherapy Department, became fully operational in January 2023. The redeveloped space now features 11 assessment cubicles and seven individual clinic rooms as well as a spacious gym which includes state-of-the-art equipment.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Walking Bumps	<p>Our antenatal team is running a new walking group 'Walking Bumps.' Walking Bumps, is available for all pregnant women in the area, giving mums-to-be the opportunity to be active, speak with maternity staff and make friends.</p> <p>Read more</p>

<p>New outdoor therapy area</p>	<p>A new outdoor play area located between the Child Development Centre and Lurgan Children’s Centre, is providing a functional, accessible, outdoor space, allowing the paediatric therapy service to support children through play.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>New bereavement suite at Craigavon Area Hospital</p>	<p>To help bereaved parents following the loss of a baby, Craigavon Area Hospital’s maternity unit has opened a new bereavement suite. The ‘Butterfly Suite’ provides a homely space where families can create precious memories with their baby or grieve their loss, in a safe and comfortable environment.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>New specialised unit for surgical patients</p>	<p>A bespoke unit that cares for patients who need specialised care after surgery has opened in Craigavon Area Hospital.</p> <p>The Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (PACU), is located within the Recovery ward and will deliver enhanced post-operative monitoring and treatment of high-risk patients for 24 hours after surgery. They will be supported by highly trained nurses, nursing assistants, anaesthetists, Physiotherapists and pharmacists.</p> <p>The new unit has been funded by the Department of Health, following the Review of General Surgery and the Elective Care Framework – Restart, Recovery and Redesign 2021.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>Groundbreaking technology for stroke patients</p>	<p>We have introduced the very latest AI (artificial intelligence) technology in helping to identify the most suitable treatments for stroke patients.</p> <p>Already used throughout the UK and Ireland, the solution was first introduced to Northern Ireland by the Royal Victoria Hospital and is now being rolled out to other hospitals including Craigavon Area and Daisy Hill, as part of a regional pilot.</p> <p>The Trust has a multidisciplinary team of medical, nursing, diagnostics and allied health professional staff, supporting diagnosis, acute treatment and rehabilitation of stroke patients across hospital and community services. The introduction of this technology a very welcome benefit to their service as Dr Patricia McCaffrey Divisional Medical Director of Older People Services explains:</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>MND trial fundraisers visit Neurology Centre</p>	<p>Fundraisers from the My Name’s <i>Doddie Foundation</i> have visited the Neurology Centre in Craigavon Area Hospital to see how their funding is being used to help people across NI with Motor Neuron Disease (MND).</p> <p>The Southern Trust is the first site in NI to open as a centre for the MND-SMART clinical trial, sponsored by the University of Edinburgh and funded by a generous grant from the My Name’s <i>Doddie Foundation</i>.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>Carers MCA awareness workshop</p>	<p>As part of Carers Week in June, the Trust’s MCA Training Team were delighted to be invited by the Carers Consultants for Adults with Learning Disability, to a number events to speak to carers and raise awareness of the Mental Capacity Act.</p> <p>Read more</p>
<p>Exercise Professionals Join Physiotherapy Team</p>	<p>The Trust’s Physiotherapy Musculoskeletal service has welcomed two Exercise Professionals to their outpatient team. With degree level</p>

	<p>qualifications in physical exercise, Dominika Wojciechowska and James McCorry, are available to offer patients very practical and expert support with their exercise programme.</p> <p>Read more</p>
New children's cardiology clinic for Daisy Hill	<p>A new Paediatric Cardiology clinic is the latest addition to the range of Children and Young People's services available at Daisy Hill Hospital.</p> <p>The new outpatient service for children with a range of heart conditions runs for a full day each month from the dedicated Children's outpatient department in Clanrye House.</p> <p>Read more</p>
New MRI scanner for Daisy Hill Hospital	<p>A new MRI scanner has arrived on the Daisy Hill Hospital site. The temporary scanner is located next to the modular CT on site. It will help to address MRI waiting times and reduce the need to transfer patients to other hospitals for diagnosis.</p> <p>Daisy Hill Hospital offers diagnostic services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the team completing a total of 82,466 investigations last year.</p> <p>Read more</p>
RCN Awards Success	<p>Following our success at the recent RCN Northern Ireland Nursing Awards our Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Nursing, Midwifery, AHP's and Functional Support Services Heather Trouton said: "It is with immense pride that we celebrate our remarkable achievements at the recent RCN Awards.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Developing Elective Surgery at Daisy Hill	<p>Daisy Hill Hospital's surgical team has been working hard to increase planned surgical activity on the site. Last October, former Health Minister Robin Swann announced that Daisy Hill had been appointed as a regional elective overnight stay centre for patients requiring planned surgeries.</p> <p>Read more</p>
'Health Hero' Mary wins gold	<p>An 'integral cog' in the Southern Trust's Community Integrated Care Team, has scooped the top prize at a national award ceremony. Mary McElroy, who is a key member of the Administration Team, was awarded the gold award in the 'Operational Support Worker of the Year' category, at the prestigious 'Our Health Heroes Awards' ceremony in June.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Celebrating Excellence in Specialist Child Health and Disability Services	<p>In June around 150 staff from across children and young people's services attended a conference to share best practice and celebrate excellence. A range of professionals, from medicine, nursing, social work, allied health professionals and administration participated in the one day event focussing on improving quality and safety.</p> <p>Read more</p>
Celebrating International Homebirth Day	<p>On International Home Birth Day (Tuesday 6 June), we celebrated the work of our 'Birth at Home' service. Over 100 people including mums, babies, families, midwives and obstetric colleagues came together to share their experiences at a celebration event held by the Trust.</p> <p>Read more</p>
New CT scanner for Daisy Hill	<p>A new replacement modular CT scanner has been installed on the Daisy Hill Hospital site. The hospital has one permanent CT scanner within the main diagnostics department. The team had been leasing an additional modular CT scanner, located outside, to help cope with</p>

demand and provide backup for the main permanent scanner when needed.

£850,000 funding from the Department of Health has allowed the Trust to now purchase a more permanent modular scanner, with a connecting corridor to the main hospital so that patients do not need to be transferred outside.

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This Girl Can... Create Change Inspiration Day

This Girl Can Create Change is all about inspiring teenage girls to influence and support their peers to become active. The initiative which was funded by The Public Health Agency and led by the Trust is designed to inspire and support students to create targeted campaigns that encourage and support their peers to be active in a way that suits them.

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Celebrating 25 years of renal services at Daisy Hill Hospital

The renal unit at Daisy Hill Hospital has welcomed past staff and some of its first patients to celebrate 25 years of service. The Trustwide renal service treats patients with kidney disease from Armagh, Dungannon, Craigavon, Banbridge, Newry, Mourne and some border areas of the Republic of Ireland.

They have been ranked top in the UK Renal Registry and amongst the best in the UK for patient experience and quality of care. Most recently, Daisy Hill is the first hospital in Ireland to take part in a night time dialysis clinical trial aimed at improving the quality of life for adults with kidney disease.

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