



Happy Birthday to the Princess of Wales Community Hospital, Bromsgrove

The Princess of Wales Community Hospital in Bromsgrove celebrates its 25th birthday this week.

The hospital was opened by Diana Princess of Wales on May 5th 1992 and has since served the community of Bromsgrove providing a range of services including minor injury units, outpatients clinics, recovery wards and end of life care.

On Friday the hospital will host an afternoon tea and cake event to celebrate the anniversary and will be inviting current and past staff to join patients in the restaurant.

Current Matron Phil Shakeshaft said: *“Lots of the staff have been here for many years which says it all about the type of hospital this is to work in. We believe that happy, committed and dedicated staff provide the best care and treatment and I am really proud of the team here, from the nurses, physios, OTs, through to the admin teams, housekeeping, porters and catering staff. There is a real team ethos here and everyone has an equal stake in ensuring we are, and will continue to, provide the very best care we can to the people of Bromsgrove.”*

Stats and facts:

- 12,289 patients seen in our Minor Injuries Unit last year
- We also looked after over 1000 patients on our wards
- Our Catering staff prepared and served 62,415 meals for our patients last year
- Last year we had 207 compliments about our staff and the quality of our care
- We got through 10,617 cylinder of oxygen looking after our patients last year
- Our Porters take an average of 15,000 steps during each working day
- We have 538 full and part time staff working for the hospital
- we used over 13,000 bed pans last year!
- We have had only 5 Matrons since the hospital was opened
- We took 9106 x-rays last year

- We have 106 in-patient beds for rehabilitation, palliative care and mental health
- We have 58 housekeeping staff who do an amazing job keeping our hospital spic and span
- Our rehabilitation exercise bike has been cycled over 1500 miles in the last year alone.
- We also get through over 5 million individual paper towels per year – that is a massive amount of hand washing!

The Princess of Wales is one of a number of community hospitals or recovery wards run by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, the county's main provider of community nursing, therapy, mental health and other specialist services.

The hospitals provide support for those people who can't safely be cared for at home, but neither do they require acute hospital support. They also support those people who have been treated in the acute hospitals to continue their recovery closer to home. In addition the hospitals run a number of outpatient clinics and treatments, including physiotherapy and minor injuries.

For more information on the Trust's services visit hacw.nhs.uk.

Caption: Diana Princess of Wales visits the hospital to officially open it – May 5th 1992

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Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust is the main provider of community, nursing, therapy and mental health services to people of all ages provided in a range of community venues including; community hospitals and recovery units, schools, community centres, outpatient's clinics and in people's own homes.