

# Inside St John's



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## Welcome

Welcome to Inside St John's, bringing you news from St John's Hospital in Livingston.

## Our Health, Our Care, Our Future

The public consultation of Our Health, Our Care, Our Future, our draft strategic plan, launched on Monday 21 April. The draft plan confirms the board's:

- commitment to St John's as an acute hospital
- participation in the masterplanning process for the long-term development of the site
- assurance that information will be communicated widely to all staff including staff open sessions

Details about the plan and how to access it have been provided to senior managers to cascade to staff. A consultation session, open to all staff, will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am in the Paul Taylor Lecture Theatre.

The draft plan is also available on the staff intranet and our public website: [www.nhslotian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture](http://www.nhslotian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/OurHealthOurCareOurFuture)

## Modernising Radiology Services

Work on building the new MRI suite at St John's Hospital is progressing well with the completion of the roof.

Integration of the new development with

the main hospital site continues and completion is expected in the autumn. A new replacement x-ray room has now opened to allow the former space occupied by radiology to be turned into a dedicated waiting area for patients requiring MRI scans.

## Maternity services refurbishment

Refurbishment of the Labour Ward is on target to finish in late July with the newly upgraded accommodation due to open at the end of August.

Enabling works for the upgrade of the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) are nearing completion. The final approval for the main construction phase is expected by mid July, which will allow the works on site to begin in early August.

## Quality Improvement Team Training

A number of training sessions, supported by the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, are available to staff who are considering making improvements in their department or service and would like some tips and advice on how to start. If this is of interest, the training sessions take place on Monday 26 May 2014 in the Paul Taylor Lecture Theatre at the hospital at 11am-12pm, 1pm-2pm, 3pm-4pm. For more information contact: Margaret Watkins, Safety and Improvement Project Manager on 53122.



New Appointments

## **Clinical Director for General Medicine**

Dr Helen Gillett will take over from Dr Andy Williams as Clinical Director for General Medicine. Dr Williams steps down after several successful years in the role and will continue as a full-time Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist at St John's.

Dr Williams has overseen a steady expansion in the medical unit over the years and has been involved in recent plans for the continued development of medical services in West Lothian. Dr Gillett, Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist, will take over the responsibility of ensuring high quality General Medical services continue to be provided at St John's.

Chris Stirling, Site Director said "We are indebted to the tireless enthusiasm and energy which Dr Williams has devoted to the role of Clinical Director and we look forward to his continued support and involvement. I am delighted that we have appointed someone of the calibre of Dr Gillett as his successor. Helen will bring a different approach to the role and in particular her experience as a Scottish Patient Safety Programme Fellow will be extremely valuable."

## **General Manager for Head and Neck Services**

Jacqui Campbell has started in her role as General Manager for Head and Neck services. Jacqui joins NHS Lothian from NHS Glasgow and Clyde where she was responsible for Orthopaedics and Ophthalmology. She will be primarily based at St John's Hospital providing additional senior management presence on the site when not also supporting the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Ophthalmology.

## **New geriatrician consultant**

From August this year, St John's and West Lothian will have an additional consultant geriatrician joining the service. Dr Jane Rimer has been appointed to a new post which will include work within the hospital as well as participating in the REACT service in the community.

REACT is a service in West Lothian for over 75s. It offers an alternative to hospital admission as well as supporting early discharges from hospital and provides rapid assessment of patients in their own homes.

Dr Rimer joins an expanding older people's service which has seen the appointment of two other consultants in the last two years. She will also be participating in general medicine and unscheduled care.

Site Director Chris Stirling said "I am delighted that Dr Rimer will be joining the team at St John's. I'm very confident she will be an excellent addition to the team. The quality of the services we provide for older people is so important and expanding the number of senior doctors capable of providing expert care, in both the community and in hospital, is one of the ways we are looking to achieve that in West Lothian."

## **Sepsis Collaborative**

*"Do you find yourself running away from Sepsis?"*

A collaborative event has been organised to share experiences and learn about Sepsis. This will be taking place on Tuesday 24 June 2014 at the Paul Taylor Lecture Theatre. The morning lectures are open to everyone who wishes to attend.

Afternoon workshops will be by invitation only to ward / clinical staff and will include

Simulation Training, Improvement Methodology workshop and implementation plans. The event will also include equipment displays, posters and patient stories.

For more information contact: Margaret Watkins, Safety and Improvement Project Manager, SJH. Tel: 53122

## **Safety Leadership - Executive Walkround**

The Emergency Department recently hosted an executive walkround by the Scottish Patient Safety Programme.

Safety walkrounds are carried out by a member of the management team, a health and safety advisor and a partnership representative. They provide the management team and frontline staff with opportunities to talk about safety concerns as well as recognising good practice.

Overall the walkround was regarded as very inspiring and positive, with excellent examples of problem solving and active initiatives in place.

In the report some minor safety concerns were raised and action will be taken to address these concerns.

## **Staff sessions**

The next staff open session takes place on Friday, 9 May 2014. Come along and meet senior managers, hear key issues in scheduled and unscheduled care services and ask about any concerns. All sessions take place at St John's Lecture

Theatre from 12.30pm-1.30pm. Future session dates are available on the intranet.

For more information please contact Chris Stirling, Hospital Site Director.

## **News and Information Zone**

An easy access information and update zone has been added to the intranet site to keep all staff informed of developments affecting the St John's Hospital Campus.

Its purpose is to complement the Inside St John's newsletter and the new staff open communication sessions, to give staff a better understanding of the site management structure and information on what is happening across the many services on site.

For all the latest information on news and events for the St John's Hospital site e.g. site partnership & H&S minutes, team brief, SJH Newsletter, follow these steps:

**Intranet corporate page → A-Z → St Johns news & information zone**

Alternatively follow the below link:

[intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/NHSLothian/Corporate/A-Z/StJohnsNewsAndInformationZone](http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/NHSLothian/Corporate/A-Z/StJohnsNewsAndInformationZone)

## **Public Garden**

Work will start on St John's Hospital public garden on 12 May 2014 and will run for 12 weeks.

This new garden space will replace the current public garden, off the main reception, which is where the new the MRI suite will be situated.

The existing trees will remain and the

garden will include raised beds, planted areas, a winding path to walk through and a new decking area providing a welcoming enclosed outside space.

The Friends of St John's Hospital will provide the plants and seating which will give family and friends the option to bring patients outside and for staff to sit and enjoy their breaks.

Architect drawings of the new garden will soon be displayed on the door to the garden, opposite OPD 4 within St John's.

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