

Newsletter

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A joyful December at Queen Mary's and an insight for the future in this edition. We wish you all the very best for 2019.

Christmas carols

Oxleas newly formed choir, V'Ox sung their first carol service at Queen Mary's on 18 December. Joining them singing as their guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Bexley, Councillors Brian and Christine Bishop. Oxleas Chief Executive, Matthew Trainer and Oxleas Chair, Andy Trotter were also on fine form singing. Patients and visitors were treated to a surprise visit from Father Christmas and a mince pie whilst listening to the delightful sounds of well known Christmas carols.



Donations put into collection buckets, placed at the front of the choir, raised a fantastic £137.23 for Meadow View, our intermediate care ward at the hospital.

Stacey Jarret, Acting Operational Lead, was delighted to receive the money on behalf of Meadow View. Stacey wished to thank everyone involved for thinking of them and explained that the money would be used towards activities for the patients who stay on the ward.



Sherwood Park School sung carols

The delightful sounds of Sherwood Park school children echoed around the main reception on Monday 17 December as they sang a festive selection of traditional carols and other Christmas songs.

Staff, patients and visitors were entertained with their songs and actions whilst they collected for their regular charity, JDF (Juvenile Diabetes). We look forward to the children coming back again in the new year.

Oxleas thank you to volunteers

The volunteering services team organised a Christmas lunch at the Star in Sidcup Place on Saturday 1 December for all the Oxleas volunteers at Queen Mary's hospital.

The 30 or so volunteers that attended, enjoyed taking time during the festive period to have a celebration, at this social event.

Oxleas thanked all the volunteers for assisting in the every day running of their services at the hospital throughout the year and a special thank you goes to all the volunteers that helped out during the Christmas period.



Redevelopment and service update for Queen Mary's

Work is now complete on the new consulting rooms on the first floor and this area is to be known as the Clinic Suite. It is currently being used for decant space as part of the redevelopment.



Clinic Suite

Work started in October 2018 on the redevelopment of the second floor for Hospital Dentistry and Ophthalmology. Walls are 50% complete and during January work started on mechanical services being installed for the 14 dental chairs. This has meant that some clinics from Outpatients have moved temporarily to the new Clinic Suite. Work will be starting on the foundation of the air handling unit and for the ductwork in the MSK courtyard. The project is due to complete in August 2019.



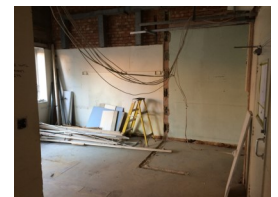
Ophthalmology



Hospital Dentistry

We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst this essential work is undertaken.

Imaging: The existing Mammography suite at Queen Mary's is currently located in part of the hospital earmarked for demolition. Project tenders have been returned and are being assessed with the main work due to start in March 2019. Strip out works commenced in January.



Mammography

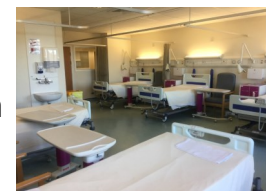
Alliance Medical: A new pad was constructed at the end of November 2018 along with additional car parking spaces. A crossing point for pedestrians from the main building to the new mobile stands was included. The mobile pads are used by Inhealth and Alliance Medical MRIs.



Mobile pad

Multi-faith room: We will be presenting the proposal for the new Multi-faith room in January. If you wish to be involved in the consultation or have your say, please email Denise Webb via denise.webb@nhs.net

Bromley Healthcare opened on Foxbury ward, third floor of the main building on 20 December and offer a rehabilitation service following a stay in hospital. A wide range of nursing, medical and therapy services are provided to encourage and help you become as independent as possible before you return home.



Foxbury ward

Your news and questions

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary's new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary's, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please do let us know.

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