

# Newsletter

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## NHS England visit, Treat me Well campaign, and appeal for sharing memories for the 70th birthday of the NHS

### Pictures of NHS England visit

Matthew Swindle, NHS England's National Director for Operations and Information, visited Queen Mary's Hospital site on 16 May. It started with the NHS Online demonstration at the Urgent Care Centre followed by tours of the Cancer Centre and Acorns. Those who attended were thankful to all for organising the tours and thought they all got a lot out of the visit and felt Matthew did too. Here are a few of the photos that were taken of the afternoon.



To the left the tour of Guys Cancer Centre at QMH



To the right tour of Acorns centre



### 70 years of memories

We are looking for your stories or memories of working in the NHS over the past 70 years and hoping that you will share them with us to put in next month's edition of the QM newsletter. There are many people that are needed to provide a wide variety of services in a hospital

and all are part of the giant machine that keeps a hospital functioning.

Please contact Denise Webb via the email address above or at Queen Mary's Hospital so we can share them and celebrate 70 years of the NHS.

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1948 - 2018

## Celebrating Learning Disability Awareness week - 18 to 24 June 2018

Bexley and Bromley Learning Disability Teams will be holding an information day on the 19 June in the main reception of Queen Mary's Hospital to celebrate Learning Disability Awareness Week. There will be information showcasing the person centred approaches they use when working with people who have learning disabilities.

The event will also focus on the 'Treat me well' campaign by Mencap which aims to transform how NHS staff treat people with a learning disability in hospital. Experts by experience from the Can You Understand It? team will visit various services to find out if reasonable adjustments are being made for people with learning disabilities using these services.

We hope you can come and meet the teams to share ideas and network.

### Volunteer gardening help

Do you have a couple of hours a week to come and help tend to one or all three garden areas within Queen Mary's Hospital? These areas have been neglected over the past six months and are in a desperate need of tidying up. We have some tools sitting idle and just need some people to work with them. Please contact Denise Webb via the details below for details.

### Hospital Watch

Sadly, we must say goodbye to PC Sophie Scott as she moves over to a new borough. Please join us in thanking Sophie for all her hard work over the past year and wish her well for the new post. A warm welcome to PC Ian Young who has taken over the beat which includes Queen Mary's Hospital and we look forward to meeting with him soon. Coffee with the Cops has been put on hold temporarily while adjustments are made due to the restructure with the boroughs.

### Memorial items at QM

Do you know of someone who has had a bench, plaque or other item placed here at QM in their memory or have you or someone you know placed something here? We are looking to gain some short history about the people who these memorial items are based on and are asking for your help with this. Please contact Denise Webb, details below, if you can help in any way and please do pass on this message to family, friends and colleagues. It would be lovely to actually have some history behind the names we see each day on memorial items.

### News in brief

**Thanks** - A member of staff from Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust working at Queen Mary's would like to thank the Lewisham and Greenwich Phlebotomy staff (situated in main reception) for their help when she recently visited them. She would especially like to thank the receptionists who went over and above their remit. Everyone was so friendly and helpful.

**Costa coffee machine** - this will be installed in the main reception around 14 June. This will be a great help to those visiting when the Friends café or Snack Box are closed.

**Staff parking** - Please could we request that staff do not park personal cars in the housing area on the QM site as these are private parking spaces and belong to the residents.

### 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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