Wards across our hospitals are being encouraged to ‘end PJ paralysis’ by getting as many patients as possible dressed and moving.

Launched on Tuesday, NHS England’s #EndPJparalysis challenge aims to improve recovery, shorten hospital stays and boost morale of patients and staff by encouraging patients to get up and dressed every day, where practical.

Our Wards are all taking part in the 70 day challenge to get patients dressed and mobile and across the next couple of pages you can see pictures of a few of those involved.

On the next page you will find a totaliser that shows how many patients have been dressed and mobilised so far—the target being one million by 26 June.

Throughout the campaign, Chatterbox will feature a Ward of the Week from RSH and PRH every Friday. This will include more pictures and a short description of what they are up to.

To find out more read Deirdre Fowler’s (Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Quality) Message of the Week here.
Ward of the Week will start next week, as well as information about the Noticeboard Competition and a special walk up The Wrekin
Ward of the Week: Ward 11

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A local exercise class leader visited Ward 11 and conducted a ‘clubercise’ session for the patients to support them in getting up and moving.

A 10-minute session was planned in each of the four bays, however a number of the patients, visitors and staff enjoyed it so much that they moved between bays and attended more than one session.

The ‘clubercise’ sessions involved the use of glow sticks to make the exercises fun and interactive.
Nurses to conquer the Wrekin—in their PJs!

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The hike to the top of the Wrekin is one of a number of initiatives that has been organised by staff at PRH and RSH as part of the “70 Days to End PJ Paralysis” drive, which has been set up as part of the 70th anniversary of the NHS. Patients and staff have taken part in disco beat classes complete with glow sticks, dancing and balloon tennis on the wards of the two hospitals.

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Now that is dedication!

Check out three wonderful members of staff who have gone global in raising awareness of the End PJ Paralysis Campaign.

Jill Bennett, Elaine Wales and Jenny Van Der Woning, who all work on Ward 16 at PRH held up their pledge of support in front of the magnificent Niagra Falls.

Our Wards are taking part in the 70 day challenge that started on 17 April to get patients dressed and mobile – so far initiatives have ranged from mobile drinks carts to get patients up and hydrated, to “clubercise” dance classes on the wards!

Find out who is our #EndPJParalysis Ward of the Week on page 4.
This week we have not one, but two Wards of the Week. Wards 25 and 26 at RSH have implemented an initiative to get patients mobile by collecting their own drinks.

When patients are asked if they would like tea or coffee, they are encouraged to collect their drink themselves if they are able to walk, either with or without assistance.

Through supporting this small change the wards can make a difference to a person’s health and wellbeing through promoting both mobility and hydration.
This week’s Ward of the Week feature focuses on the Emergency Department at PRH where they are not only taking part in the #EndPJParalysis challenge but have implemented #Fit2Sit.

The #Fit2Sit campaign aim to put a stop to patients lying down on stretchers if they are well enough to sit up.

This is being done by:

- Staff encouraging patients to be fully clothed and thinking of #Fit2Sit as the sibling of the #EndPJparalysis movement
- Staff encouraging patients to walk if they can to prevent deconditioning
- Using the wheelchair first, rather than a stretcher or trolley
- Recording the time it takes to move a patient onto a bed
- Having a clear plan for when and how the patient can be mobile

The way the ED PRH team introduced #Fit2Sit began by removing one trolley from a cubicle and replacing its with comfortable chairs. Next to the comfortable chairs there is an assessment cubicle so patients can be assessed by the doctor and turned around in a timely manner. A similar set-up have been incorporated in the new Clinical Decisions Unit at PRH, where patients are encouraged to be dressed and sit.

The departments also have #Fit2Sit posters displayed on the walls to remind staff and ambulance staff to get patients into chairs.

It is important to encourage patients to get dressed and moving in order to prevent deconditioning. This is important because 65% of patients admitted to hospital are 65 or older and a person over 80 who spends 10 days in a hospital bed will lose 10% of muscle mass.

Linda Jones (far right), 67, and Olive Painter (right), 96, patients in the Clinical Decisions Unit at PRH were both encouraged to remain active and in their own clothes to prevent deconditioning. They are pictured here sitting in comfortable chairs opposed to stretchers or trolleys.

Above, Sister Angie Boulds and some the PRH ED Nursing team in the Fit2Sit area.
TEAM OF THE WEEK: Therapy Assistants

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Twenty three Therapy Assistants at SaTH have been learning about the #EndPJParalysis campaign during a training session.

The therapists have been involved in work across a number of wards at both PRH and RSH, in conjunction with the ward teams, to raise awareness of reducing deconditioning to support #EndPJParalysis and the 70 day challenge.

Some examples of activities the therapy teams are supporting are:

- Exercise classes
- Developed exercise leaflets for patients with larger print and staff to enable them lead on group sessions
- Bed/chair exercises for patients as appropriate
- Use of motomed
- Use of otago exercises
- Assisting patients to get dressed in their own clothes
- Asking doctors to encourage patients to wear their own clothes and asking them why they are not dressed on ward rounds
- Sharing knowledge with nursing staff to get more patients transferring out of bed
- Asking nursing staff not to put bags on the ends of patient tables to encourage patients to walk to the bins
- Asking family members to bring clothes in to hospital for their relative

Don’t forget to enter the #EndPJparalysis Noticeboard Competition which will be judged by the Heads of Nursing at each site during the week commencing the 28th May 2018.

Areas which are participating should contact Ruth Smith by emailing ruth.smith@sath.nhs.uk by 25 May to ensure that all areas participating are visited.
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Andrea has patients shooting hoops

Every Friday between 11am and 11.30am patients on Ward 24 take part in exercise classes using hula hoops and inflatable balls.

The classes are led by HCA Andrea Roberts with the support of Acting Ward Manager Claire Edwards.

Andrea plays her patients’ favourite music while she gets them up and dancing, playing catch with the balls and even get the shooting hoops.

Great fun is had by all who get up, get dressed and get active. And once the fun and games are over Andrea encourages all of the patients to sit in the middle of their bay for lunch opposed to having it at their bedside.
Introducing balloon tennis which is played in a group
This is usually led by a member of the nursing team and all patients are encouraged to join in.
Patients are encouraged to use both arms to exercise their weaker limb.
When a patient is unable to get out of bed due to their condition, nurses play balloon tennis with the individual where appropriate.

Upper limb movement through interactive board games
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This promotes movement, patient interaction and socialisation.

Communal dining
This commenced with patients sitting together for lunch and dinner however patients were quick to challenge staff and asked why they didn’t sit together for breakfast too.
Patients therefore now sit together for all of their meals and feedback is very positive, with patients valuing the social interaction, support and camaraderie they gain from this.

Getting Dressed
Patients are encouraged to ware day clothes whilst in hospital and the nursing team assist them in this by explaining the importance to family and friends to encourage them to bring a change of clothing into
NOTICEBOARD COMPETITION

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Winners and runners-up

The PRH winner was Ward 16

The PRH runner-up was Ward 10

LEFT: The RSH winner was Ward 22T/O
ABOVE: The RSH runner-up Ward 21
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The below tables show how SaTH is doing when compared nationally to other hospitals in relation to #EndPJparalysis campaign. The data is from the start of the trial up to and including today (Friday 22 June).

We are fifth for both getting patients up and dressed and also for getting patients moving.

Well done to everyone involved!
Challenge ends with a climb up the Wrekin

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Twenty three nurses from SaTH conquered the Wrekin to support and raise awareness of a national campaign to ‘End PJ Paralysis’.

The challenge to climb the Wrekin was organised by PRH Ward 11 manager, Lisa Butler, who managed to rally colleagues to join her on Saturday morning.

Lisa wanted to do something to highlight the 70-day campaign, which aims to get patients home from hospital quicker.

The walkers celebrated with a much-deserved glass of bubbly when they reached the top – and they toasted the NHS to mark its 70th birthday, on 5 July.

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Ruth added: “Being dressed in day clothes whilst in hospital enhances patient dignity and experience, while promoting mobility and activity reduces deconditioning and can make the difference between dependence and independence.”

Deirdre Fowler, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Quality, said: “I am incredibly proud of the teams at SaTH and what they have accomplished for the benefit of our patients. Our achievements in the #EndPJparalysis 70 day challenge demonstrates that the Trust is a driving force in sharing the message and leading change.”

The campaign was launched by England’s top nurse Professor Jane Cummings on 17 April – and it concluded on 26 June. Its aim is to get people back home to their loved ones living much happier and fuller lives.

The national 7– Day #EndPJparalysis campaign, originated by Professor Brian Dolan, encourages patients to get up, dressed and moving while in hospital.
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SaTH’s End PJ Paralysis campaign was given a giant boost when a team of nurses took part in a special parade, dressed in the pyjamas.

The team took part in Telford Carnival, which this year celebrated 50 years of Telford as a town and once again featured a parade of giants around the town centre.

The team from SaTH joined the parade in their PJs, pushing around an old bed, to raise awareness of the national End PJ Paralysis campaign.

#endPJparalysis, a national campaign originated by Professor Brian Dolan, encourages patients to get up, dressed and moving while in hospital. This helps to prevent the complications of being immobile, including chest infections, muscle degeneration, clotting; as well as shifting patient’s perceptions from ‘I’m sick’ to ‘I’m getting better’.

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Last month, a team of 23 nurses from SaTH tackled the Wrekin, again dressed in their pyjamas, to raise awareness of the campaign.

As well as our nursing team, Kate Ballinger, Community Engagement Facilitator, attended to carnival to talk to people about various projects which are happening within the Trust, as well as giving out our special Little Book of SaTH, which was produced to celebrate 70 years of the NHS.

Ward staff are being reminded to continue capturing PJ Paralysis data each day and record it in the dedicated app.