

Update from Alison Jones, GP Engagement

Hospital gardens will honour Captain Sir Tom Moore

Two landscaped gardens are to be created at Shropshire's two acute hospitals in honour of Captain Sir Tom Moore.

A courtyard at the Princess Royal Hospital and an area outside the ward block at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital are to be transformed and named in memory of Captain Sir Tom. Both gardens will be areas for reflection and rest for staff at the Trust, as well as for patients and visitors.

The Courtyard at the Princess Royal Hospital will be landscaped with seating pods, private areas, lighting and flower beds with curved willow fences. It will be named Captain Tom's Courtyard.

The garden was designed by Emma Mayho, who works in the cardio-respiratory departments across both sites. Emma entered and won a competition to re-design the area, which is also being sponsored by Reconomy, the UK's leading provider of outsourced waste and resource management services, based in Telford.

Diane Crowe, Group Head of Sustainability for Reconomy, said: **"We are delighted the Trust has decided to name the garden in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore. Reconomy is pleased to continue to support the fundraising, volunteering and materials management for this exciting project that will create a wonderful area for respite and quiet reflection for NHS staff, patients and visitors alike."**

The Trust is also planning to landscape the mound area outside the Ward Block at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to create Captain Tom's Garden.

Julia Clarke, Director of Corporate Services at the Trust, said: **"Captain Sir Tom Moore walked his way into the nation's hearts by doing laps of his garden; his thoughtfulness for others was a beacon when the country first went into lockdown and the NHS first faced COVID-19. It seems fitting that the creation of two gardens in Shropshire's two acute NHS hospitals, which he supported so wonderfully, should be named after him."**



Please see page 3 for news of a 'Royal Dome' pod installed outside the Acute Medical Unit at PRH for staff to use, and which has been funded by charitable donations including funds raised for NHS Charities Together by Captain Sir Tom Moore.

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New pulse oximeters for Trust birthing units

The Trust has received new pulse oximetry machines to improve the detection and early care of babies with serious heart conditions.

Donated by Tiny Tickers, a charity that aims to give a better start to tiny hearts, the seven pulse oximetry machines have allowed the Trust, which runs maternity services in Shropshire, to introduce Newborn Early Warning Track and Trigger (NEWTT).

NEWTT supports the care already provided for newborn babies by giving more detailed observations, including oxygen saturations. The monitors will also be used to help improve early detection rates of congenital heart disease (CHD).

SaTH's seven pulse oximeters were donated as part of the Tiny Tickers' Test for Tommy campaign, which aims to ensure that all newborns receive the test that could help save their life. They were funded by supporters including Linda Bunce, who shaved her head to raise some of the funds to place these machines. Linda's grandson, Tommy, who died from undetected congenital heart disease (CHD) in 2015, is the inspiration behind the campaign Test for Tommy.

A baby is born with a serious heart condition every two hours in the UK; however, not all congenital heart defects can be detected during routine prenatal scanning and some babies are at risk of falling into the early stage of heart failure if their condition is not diagnosed in time.

Hayley Flavell, Director of Nursing at SaTH, said: **“On behalf of the Trust I'd like to thank Tiny Tickers for their generous donation. These pulse oximeters are a great addition to the care mums and newborn babies already receive and help us to take detailed observations which ultimately provides better, safer care.”**

Jon Arnold, Chief Executive from Tiny Tickers said: **“We are truly delighted that we are able to help in this way and hope that it supports the team to continue to provide the best possible care for babies on the unit.”**

First meeting of the Ockenden Report Assurance Committee has taken place

A new committee has been formed by the Trust to drive forward actions arising from the first Ockenden Report, which was published in 2020.

The Ockenden Report Assurance Committee (ORAC), set up by the Board of Directors at the Trust, will meet monthly. To promote transparency and accountability, all meetings will take place online in public and the first committee meeting took place on 25 March.

The principal purpose of the Committee, which will be responsible, and directly accountable to the Board of Directors, will be to obtain and provide assurance in relation to the delivery, evidence, sustainability and impact of the implementation of the actions arising from the first report of the independent review into maternity services at SaTH.

The duration of the Committee, which will be determined by its programme of work as agreed with the Board of Directors, is not expected to extend beyond twelve months. Committee members will include the Trust's Chief Executive, Louise Barnett, and representatives from partner organisations, including Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Maternity Voices Partnership, Clinical Commissioning Groups, and Healthwatch.

Louise Barnett, said: **“As we strive to implement all of the actions in the Ockenden Report for the women and families who use our maternity services, this committee will seek to provide assurance and tangible evidence that we are making improvements to the care and services that we provide in an open, accountable and inclusive way.”**

Urgent Treatment Centre returns to the Princess Royal Hospital

Urgent Care returned to the Princess Royal Hospital on 29 March 2021. The Urgent Treatment Centre at the Princess Royal Hospital was temporarily relocated to Bridgnorth Minor Injury Unit (MIU) as part of Shropshire's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the number of COVID-positive patients at Shropshire's acute hospitals continuing to fall, the Urgent Treatment Centre has now returned to the Princess Royal Hospital. Urgent Care returned to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital from Whitchurch MIU in October last year.

Following the move, anyone experiencing minor illness will no longer be able to receive treatment at Bridgnorth and will need to attend the Urgent Treatment Centres at either the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or the Princess Royal Hospital.

While the Urgent Treatment Centre will be returning to the Princess Royal Hospital, the MIU at Bridgnorth can still treat a range of minor injuries such as bites, cuts and lacerations, foreign bodies in the eyes, nose and ears, fractures that require plaster only, minor burns and scalds, minor head injuries (with no loss of consciousness), soft tissue injuries such as sprains and bruises, and wound infections.

People with major injuries and illnesses, such as head injuries and breathing difficulties should still attend A&E. If it is not an emergency but urgent medical advice is needed, people are asked to use NHS 111.

Dr Arne Rose, Medical Director at the Trust, said: **"Cases of coronavirus continue to fall in our hospitals, so we are now in a position to be able to bring urgent care back to the Princess Royal Hospital. I would like to thank our colleagues from Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust and Bridgnorth MIU for all of their help over the last 12 months and for making our teams so welcome."**

Phil Atkins, Clinical Lead for the Minor Injuries Units at Shropshire Community Health, said: **"We were delighted to be able to support our colleagues from SaTH by hosting the Urgent Care Centre at Bridgnorth over the last year. The teams have been able to work well together to deliver an excellent service for patients, but now is the right time for it to return to Telford."**

Staff room with a difference for hospital colleagues

Colleagues working on a ward at the Princess Royal Hospital can now take their breaks in a staff room with a difference. A 'Royal Dome' pod has been installed outside the Acute Medical Unit (AMU) where staff can now go to rest during their shifts. The dome is fully equipped with heating and lighting, meaning that the AMU team will be able to use it all year round.

It has been funded by charitable donations including funds raised for NHS Charities Together by Captain Sir Tom Moore, which were then donated to SaTH Charity to support the work of the Princess Royal Hospital and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. It has also been furnished using money from SaTH's Small Things Make a Difference Fund – set up to improve the working lives of staff.

Debbie Archer, AMU Matron, said: **"We have been without a staff room for some time, so we were absolutely delighted with our new pod. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank all those who have donated to SaTH Charity, and in particular recognise Captain Sir Tom whose fantastic efforts have also contributed to this."**

Julia Clarke, Director responsible for SaTH Charity, said: **"We think this is a brilliant utilisation of the funds raised for the NHS by Captain Sir Tom and by all those who have supported SaTH Charity. It has made a huge difference already to our staff who have worked so incredibly hard throughout this pandemic."**

"I hope that SaTH Charity will be able to fund more of these domes in the future as ensuring our staff have access to rest facilities is vitally important for their health and wellbeing."