

Update from Alison Jones, GP Engagement

Welcoming our Junior Doctors

SaTH has recently welcomed 150 new doctors to the Trust.

Inductions have taken place for Foundation Year 1 trainees, many of whom have been in the Trust since 21 July, shadowing in various clinical departments. During late July the new doctors also attended a number of induction lectures and practical training sessions including clinical skills assessments, resus training and peer to peer teaching sessions. All other grades of doctors started at the Trust on 4 August.

A full programme of events for our new doctors ran during the first couple of weeks in August, including attendance at several mandatory subjects such as resus, moving and handling and didactic lectures. Sam Jones, Medical Education Manager, said: **“Feedback from their induction was very positive and it was noted by attendees that they were made to feel very welcome on arrival and that the day was very well organised.**

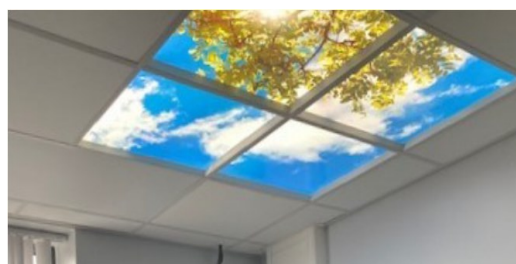
“There is a lot of work that takes place behind the scenes to welcome junior doctors, and multiple departments provide input to this including Medical Education, Medical Recruitment, IT, Occupational Health, Estates and the Catering Team - it’s a real team effort. Educational leads and Clinical/Educational Supervisors should also be praised for the support and guidance they provide to new members of staff during their first couple of weeks in post. In addition to the general Trust induction, many departments run a very comprehensive specialty induction, which in some cases runs over several days to ensure that the trainees are supported at the start of their post.”

Swan Room opens at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

A new Swan Room has been opened on Ward 35 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, and which features a stunning ceiling mural.

The Swan Rooms provide privacy and dignity for patients who are at end of life, and their families. There are more than 20 Swan Rooms across the Trust, which allow relatives to spend valuable time with their loved one, who is at end of life, in a more private, peaceful and calming environment.

The rooms have been made possible by the many kind donations to the Trust’s end of life care Swan Fund, which was set up by our End of Life Care team to fund improvements to end of life care.



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New pregnancy care service launched at Shropshire's acute hospitals

A new way for women and their families across the region to keep track of their pregnancy journey has been rolled out at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital.

The Trust started using the new electronic system, called BadgerNet, from 9 August, in a move to give women greater control over their pregnancy record and care notes.

BadgerNet is an online portal and app that replaces the traditional, paper-based handheld notes and can be accessed through a PC, a tablet, or a mobile device. The system allows for real-time sharing of information between midwives and mums-to-be, makes updating and checking records easier and quicker, and will give women and their support partners the chance to add important personal information and birth preferences.

The service was introduced from 9 August for service users attending their first pregnancy appointments at the hospitals on or after that date. Those who have already begun their pregnancy journey will continue on the current system to ensure continuity with their records.

Dr Mei-See Hon, Clinical Director, Obstetrics and Consultant Obstetrician at SaTH, said: **“It is so important that women have as much control as possible throughout their own pregnancy journeys.**

“This new service will allow them to have more convenient and timely access to key information, and also ensure that their choices on what they want to happen at each stage are clearly captured for all those caring for them to see.

“Women should be assured that their midwife will guide them through their choices and the new app.

“It is also a fantastic tool for our midwives and clinicians, who will be able to share real-time information and have an at-a-glance record of just how women would like their pregnancy care to progress.”

Louise Macleod, Development Co-ordinator at the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) said: **“We welcome the introduction of BadgerNet by SaTH, which we have heard from other Trusts has proved very popular with service users.**

“It will be an important tool in ensuring that our women and their families experience more joined-up and consistent care. Their choices and preferences are visible to all the healthcare professionals they deal with, which improves the continuity of the care they receive. It will also improve the quality and consistency of information that families have access to, making it easier for them to find the support they need.

“The MVP will continue to work with SaTH to ensure that the service is delivering what women want and need.”

All information input to BadgerNet is held securely and cannot be accessed without the correct login details, in a system very similar to internet banking. This password protection also allows service users to share their records and notes with partners and families, who have the app, as and when they wish.