

Good news

999 crews rush to GWH for training

Last Saturday's **Swindon Advertiser** contained further coverage of the large scale fire exercise that took place at GWH on Thursday 22 June.

More than 30 firefighters took part in the event, which allowed the Trust, the fire brigade and ambulance service to practice their joint response to a potential serious incident.

Steve Hince, Fire Safety Adviser, said: "We wanted to really test our procedures so we can ensure our response is the best it can be."

Teams were involved in dealing with three different emergency scenarios: a fire located in an underground service tunnel, a chemical spill and a blaze in a clinical area.

Staff at Great Western Hospital's cancer ward honoured for helping to train next generation of nurses

Award for team's dedication to supporting students

The team on Dove Unit at GWH were among the winners at Oxford Brookes University's Placement of the Year Awards, which took place earlier this week.

They picked up the top prize in the Adult Nursing category after being nominated by the students who they have supported over the last 12 months.

The Placement of the Year Awards celebrate the best learning environments for the

healthcare staff of the future.

Sharon Northwood, Dove Unit Senior Sister, said: "It's a privilege for us to be involved in shaping a person's career and we look forward to working with the students of Oxford Brookes for many more years to come."

Coverage of the win came from **Swindon Link** and **Swindon24**, with an article expected in tomorrow's **Swindon Advertiser**.

Swindon's Great Western Hospital chosen to join revolutionary genomic project

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The Trust is joining in with the global fight against incurable rare diseases by taking part in a revolutionary DNA collecting project.

In collaboration with Oxford's NHS Genomic Medicine Centre, the Trust will be submitting DNA samples from patients with rare diseases for scientists to study in a bid to find a cure.

Dr Raman Sharma, Consultant Paediatrician, said: "We're delighted to be involved in this project which really is paving the way for personalised medicine."

There was coverage online from **Swindon Link** and **Swindon24**.

Pals turn to pedal power / Good effort by walkers

True grit and determination featured heavily in this week's Brighter Futures spread in the **Swindon Advertiser**, as the two stories focused on people taking on gruelling physical challenges.

Friends Abigail Lowes and Cat Crowley took on a 50 mile night cycle through Edinburgh earlier this month in aid of the Radiotherapy Appeal, while Carillion staff working at Nationwide in Swindon also raised money for Brighter Futures by taking on a seven mile trek.

After returning from the Scottish capital, Abigail told the Swindon Advertiser:
"Travelling to Oxford every day can put a huge amount of stress on the patient and the family.

"If we had a unit in Swindon, it would take away a bit of that stress."

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