

## Good news

### Smile-raising superheroes sought for Swindon's smallest souls

#### Hunt is on for new children's nurses

A recruitment event for nurses interested in joining the team working as part of the Trust's Children's Services department is being held tomorrow.

A chance for registered nurses to find out more about a career in either the Children's Unit or Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU), the day will see guests given a tour of the two areas before potentially sitting an interview.

**Ashley Oakshott**, Head of Recruitment, said: "Many people's earliest childhood memories are of their first trip to hospital, which makes this career one in which a person can really make a lasting impression."

News of the recruitment day, which takes place in the Academy between 10am and 3pm, was promoted this week by the **Swindon Advertiser** and **Swindon24**.

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### A joint approach to Learning Disability Week

#### Learning Disability Week at Great Western Hospital

The Trust has been celebrating this Learning Disability Week by encouraging staff, patients and visitors at GWH to see the person behind the disability.

All week staff have been out spreading the message about what's being done locally to support people affected by conditions such as autism and Down's syndrome.

**Wendy Johnson**, Nursing Lead for Learning Disabilities, said: "Our Trust is committed to ensuring that all our patients can access the healthcare they need with ease, which is why celebrating Learning Disability Week is so important."

Swindon Borough Council has also showed its support for the cause, with Cllr Brian Ford joining the Learning Disability team at their information stand on Monday afternoon.

Coverage came from **Swindon Link** and **Wiltshire News**.

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### Great Western Hospital to stage major fire exercise

### More than 30 firefighters to descend on hospital as part of major exercise

### Don't be alarmed, as firefighters descend on GWH

### 999 crews rush to GWH for training exercises

A massive fire training exercise took place at GWH yesterday, with more than 35 firefighters from across the county taking part and being put through their paces.

The event, which has been in the planning since November, saw the crews respond to three different 999 calls as if they were the real thing.

**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 in the face of any emergency."

Given recent events, news of the exercise generated a lot of interest from local media with the likes of the **Swindon Advertiser**, **BBC Wiltshire**, **BBC Points West**, **Heart FM**, **Swindon Link**, **Swindon24**, the **Gazette and Herald**, **This Is Wiltshire** and **Wiltshire News** all reporting on the day's activity.

Photos from the exercise can be seen on the intranet by [clicking here](#).

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### Ice cream sales soar as high temperatures continue

With the mercury reaching record highs earlier this week, experts from the Trust were on hand to give advice on how to keep cool in the sun.

**Tina Phillips**, Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse, was quoted in the **Swindon Advertiser** giving advice on how not to fall foul of the sunshine.

She said: "Getting a painful sunburn just once every two years can triple a person's risk of skin cancer."

Elsewhere, **Samantha Backway**, Specialist Sleep Nurse, spoke to **BBC Wiltshire** about how to get a good night's sleep when the night time temperature remains high.

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#### Partying by candle light / Fight cancer with canvas

This week's Brighter Futures feature in the **Swindon Advertiser** looked at two local women using their talents and hobbies to help bring lifesaving cancer treatment to GWH.

Jo Gower will be hosting a candle-lit party this weekend in aid of the Radiotherapy Appeal, while local artist Jane Howarth, who battled cancer nearly a decade ago, is setting up an exhibition of her latest work in aid of the cause.

Elsewhere, it's been a busy few days for the Brighter Futures team with the gang marking Small Charities Week by gathering selfies of support from staff and visitors at GWH.

Check out the dozens of photos already submitted by heading to the Brighter Futures Facebook page.

## Other

I will fight £300 fine all the way

A taxi driver who claims he was wrongly given a parking fine after dropping off a disabled customer at Savernake Hospital has said he will appeal his penalty in the courts.

All motorists using the car park at Savernake, which is still owned and managed by the Trust, must enter their vehicle's details on the computer system inside the main hospital building.

The taxi driver in question claims he was unaware of this process, even though there are numerous signs around the hospital reminding drivers to do so.

A statement from the Trust said: "Following similar incidents last year, we took immediate steps to improve the visibility of signs, which instruct motorists to register their vehicle's details once inside the main building, in the car park at Savernake Hospital.

"There are now 15 signs located in around the car park - the equivalent of one per every two spaces - with further notices also on display in the main reception, café and clinical waiting areas, and we kindly ask that all visitors arriving by car spend a few seconds familiarising themselves with this information.

"We are always happy to investigate fines given in error and would encourage anyone in such a situation to contact us as soon as possible."

The story was covered in the **Gazette and Herald** and also online by the **Swindon Advertiser**.

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