



well wishers

Raising funds to make a difference



Walsall Healthcare
NHS Trust

Charity Newsletter Spring 2022 Edition

Welcome to our brand new quarterly newsletter.

As the official registered charity of Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, all money raised through Well Wishers is spent exclusively to improve the health and wellbeing of patients across the Trust's hospital and community services. Every single penny is held and accounted for independently from the Trust's NHS funds.

Your efforts, support and donations make a huge difference; improving the hospital environment, buying medical equipment, and helping us go beyond the NHS standard.

Here is a quick round up of some of our upcoming events and some information about our wonderful supporters!

Upcoming events

Quiz night

Are you a know it all or a know nothing and maybe just fancy a night out? Do you think you have a chance of beating our Patient Relations Team or the Sexual Health Team? How about challenging the reigning champions, Communications?

If so, then join us on 7 April by entering the Well Wishers charity quiz - raising funds for items over and above what the NHS can provide.

Date and time:

Thursday 7 April at 7.30pm

Location:

The Bell Pub, Birmingham Road, Walsall, WS5 3JP

We're looking for teams of six at a fee of £20 per team - the winning team will choose which Trust charity fund benefits from money raised. You can enter as many teams as they like - the more the merrier. There will be a prize for the winning team and a prize for whoever comes up with the best team name, so get your thinking caps on!

To register your team contact Georgie Westley on 01922 656643 or Georgie.westley@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk.

Why not also enjoy an evening meal beforehand at The Bell by booking online or calling 0121 347 7408 quoting 'Manor Hospital'

Fashion show

With the easing of restrictions we are excited to announce we will be holding the Well Wishers charity fashion show this summer.

Top fashion names at discounted prices will be on offer at the event in May 12th.

Brands available to buy include Dorothy Perkins, Wallis, River Island, ASOS, Miss Selfridge, Topshop and Phase Eight at 30 per cent to 50 per cent off RRP in sizes 8 to 26.

Tickets at just £5 will be available from the Fundraising Hub, Main Atrium, Manor Hospital from 18th April. Fancy strutting your stuff on the cat walk then give Georgie a call on 01922 656643.

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A legacy for future generations of patients

Future generations being cared for at Walsall Manor Hospital will benefit from the thoughtful gesture of a late, former patient.

Mr Bhagabhai Lallubhai Patel initially approached Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust a few years ago to discuss a generous donation of £15,000. He also expressed a wish upon his death that a large amount of the net proceeds of sale of he and his late wife's (Sitaben) main asset, the family home, were used to make a difference to the communities that use the services at the Manor Hospital. The £15,000 donation he made at that time provided six High Flow Nasal Therapy machines which are used to reduce the need for intubation and ventilation and therefore avoid Intensive Care admission. The machines Mr Patel and his late wife helped us purchase have helped to save many lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and have made a huge difference to patients being treated quickly.

At the time of his visit Mr Patel, aged 89, said: "I have no immediate family but it's important for me to do something that will help others and I'm pleased to be able to help people in the Walsall community. I like the idea of my legacy making a positive difference to patients in need. There must be other people in my situation and I hope that they might want to do the same thing."



The late Mr Bhagabhai Lallubhai Patel



The late Mrs. Sitaben Bhagabhai Patel

Fundraising Manager Georgie Westley praised Mr Patel for highlighting legacy giving and also reiterated the Trust's condolences to his family following his death last year.

She added: "Mr Patel was a very generous man whose selflessness will always be held in high regard at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and both he and Mrs Patel have left a legacy to be proud of. "It can be a difficult topic to think about but how selfless of Mr Patel to consider others in this way. Future generations of patients will definitely benefit from his thoughtfulness.

ICU donations

During the pandemic, the Intensive Care Unit at Walsall Manor Hospital has been very well supported.

There has been a huge number of generous donations via Well Wishers that have come from businesses and the community. From chocolates to new equipment and monetary donations, everything has helped to support staff and patients in what has been a difficult couple of years.

Thanks to this support the team purchased special day and night clocks; one for each bay/room in the unit for patients who are experiencing delirium.

Senior Sister - Critical Care Rehabilitation, Xana Marriott said: "These clocks will be a massive help in the fight against delirium within the ICU setting and we feel extremely lucky to have received support from Well Wishers and of course the generous donations the charity receives from businesses and the community in order to support initiatives like this."

Another item purchased by the charity was beach balls and smaller balls to help rehabilitation with patients.

The last item we want to mention is following a donation made by Benbow Steels in West Bromwich which has funded a RockinR – an interactive mobile gaming kit.

A grateful relative who had a family member being treated at Walsall Manor Hospital used his firm's Christmas charity appeal to purchase this item to help support patients undergoing rehabilitation and to say thank you.

Xana said: "TheRockinR has really helped our critical care patients during their rehabilitation journeys.

"We went to see a unit being used on our Children's Ward and were so excited at the opportunities it gives us. There are many features that are of benefit to our patients, helping them with co-ordination for example and boosting their cognitive abilities. Just playing music, showing a favourite TV show or doing a crossword can be part of their recovery."

Fundraising Manager Georgie Westley added: "The donations we receive help to fund items that most people probably wouldn't even think of. That's why we are always so grateful for any amount as it all adds up to helping us purchase items over and above what the NHS can afford and give that little bit more to help our patients experience and recovery."



Charity of the year

Well Wishers has been chosen as charity of the year by business community group 'thebestofWalsall'.

'thebestofWalsall' is a family run business that was set up 13 years ago and is made up of 340 businesses.

Each year it chooses one charity to support. The pandemic and lockdowns have had an impact in previous years, but it is now back up and running and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust's Well Wishers is its chosen charity for 2022.

Managing Director Alex Murray said: "We started our partnership with Well Wishers two years ago. Over the years we have been aware of all the great work that Well Wishers does for the hospital and community services.

"As part of our partnership, Fundraising Manager Georgie Westley has access to a large community network which she can ask for support from. For example, 'thebestofWalsall' has donated toys during lockdown whereas some of the other businesses have donated biscuits and coffee machines for staff. Businesses have also sponsored Well Wishers charity events such as Ian's Walk which was a 26 mile walk along the canal path from Walsall Manor Hospital to Chasewater and supported us with our boxing and Trust Got Talent events.

"The charity has also helped us in return by providing business numbers to staff and has helped us achieve another aim of reminding large employers to use local businesses too."

When asked how it felt to be chosen as charity of the year Georgie said: "We are so grateful for our partnership with 'thebestofWalsall'. We have had the pleasure to meet so many generous businesses who have supported us and we are happy in return to help promote these businesses too.

Meet the Trustees

The overall management of charitable funds lies with the charity's trustees. They are;

Paul Assinder, Associate Non-Executive Director, appointed August 2020

Mr Assinder is one of the most experienced and respected finance professionals working in healthcare in the UK. Doubly qualified as an accountant, with a University background in both economics and management, he trained and worked with Ernst & Young Co in the UK after graduation, before specialising in the healthcare and technology sectors. In the local NHS Paul has advised policy makers on transformational change through the NHS Sustainable Partnerships Programme and has also served as Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Sally Evans, Interim Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, appointed September 2021

Mrs Evans joined Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust in April 2021 as Interim Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, overseeing the strategic communications delivery for both Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. She joined the latter as Head of Communications in October 2017 from NHS South Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) after a decade working in communications in the NHS.

Russell Caldicott, Director of Finance and Performance, appointed May 2015

Mr Caldicott has more than 20 years' experience of working within the acute sector of the NHS, formerly undertaking roles such as Senior Divisional Accountant, Associate Director of Finance and Deputy Director of Finance. A Qualified Accountant and advocate of continuing professional development, Russell occupies the role of Executive on the Board of the West Midlands Healthcare Financial Management Association, providing support and opportunities for development to the finance teams of Central England.



"Working in a Trust we are all about helping the local community and this is the same approach taken by 'thebestofWalsall'."

She added: "I also want to say a huge thank you to 'thebestofWalsall' for all its help and support in promoting Well Wishers. The more people that know about the charity the more chance we get to help raise money for things over and above what the NHS is able to provide. Together we can make a difference to the experience of patients and their families using our services."

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Non-Clinical Colleague of the Year 2021

We are very proud to announce our Fundraising Manager is now the proud owner of an Annual Excellence Award.

The Annual Excellence Awards is the highest form of recognition the Trust offers. Each year, staff members and patients/service users are provided with the opportunity to recognise colleagues and teams under a variety of category options, for their outstanding contribution to Walsall Healthcare over the previous 12 months.

All nominations are shortlisted down to three nominees per category and are invited along to the Annual Awards ceremony, where the winner of each category is announced and presented with a winner's certificate and trophy.

Georgie Westley won the staff award for Non-Clinical Colleague of the Year 2021.

She was recognised for her outstanding performance, dedicated service and valued contribution to Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust - particularly her work through the Well Wishers charity.

Throughout the pandemic she has continued to work hard to raise funds for the Trust at the same time as ensuring her colleagues are well supported, particularly with their health and wellbeing.

Georgie who has worked in the NHS for 25 years said: "I am thrilled to have received this award; however, my role is made possible by the huge support I receive from local businesses, the community and my colleagues".

Her manager, Tina Faulkner, Head of Communications, added: "Georgie always goes that extra mile, is a pleasure to work with and always puts others first. She totally deserves this award, and we are all very proud of her."



Goscote Hospice

Goscote Hospice now sits under Walsall Healthcare's Well Wishers charity which serves the Manor Hospital and its Community Services.



The following services are provided by the hospice within the centre:

- Management of 12 inpatient beds
- Symptom control
- Respite care
- Dedicated round-the-clock care for those who need it the most

To make donations please contact the centre directly on 0800 783 9050 or get in touch with Well Wishers on 01922 656643 or fundraising@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk

Donations can be made at the centre or at the Fundraising Hub, Manor Hospital, Moat Road, Walsall, WS2 9PS.

Cheques should be made payable to Walsall Hospital NHS Trust General Charitable fund and clearly marked for Goscote Hospice until otherwise informed.



Get in touch to support!

See our dedicated charity website for fundraising ideas and support, upcoming events and how to make a donation at www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/charity

Call the Fundraising Team on **01922 656643** or email fundraising@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk

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