

Celebrating our nurses and midwives

International Nurses Day and the International Day of the Midwife were celebrated last week with a series of events across the Trust. Nurses at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Lewisham Hospital received cupcakes generously donated by the Royal College of Nursing and the annual event brought together nurses, midwives and other health professionals as well as Nurse Director for South London, Jane Klegg.



Claire O'Brien, Deputy Director of Nursing explains: "The theme of this year's celebration is about working together to improve healthcare. We're focusing on multi-professional working and recognising the contribution made to patient care by health professionals, midwives and student nurses, alongside our nursing staff. These events are an opportunity to celebrate and also to influence change in the way we care for patients at the Trust."

The Trust awarded its annual Doreen Norton Award. This year there were two winners. Staff Nurse Lisa Marsh won at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for her project to provide information folders on every bedside in the Acute Medical Unit. At University Hospital Lewisham, Occupational Therapist Ludmilla Edwards won for her project to improve rehabilitation services through the use of resources such as iPads or tablets.

The Trust also celebrated International Day of the Midwife, bringing together all staff from the maternity division. As part of the celebrations and following the Trust ethos of working together for a better future and service, charity representatives were invited to the Trust. These representatives came to talk, about maternity care from their perspectives and share how staff can help improve the situations faced by so many women and families. It also gave the maternity department an opportunity to share their ideas and experiences from practice.

Donna Ockenden, Co-Clinical Director of the London Maternity Strategic Clinical Network said: "It gave the Strategic Clinical Network team great pleasure to come to the Woolwich and Lewisham sites and meet so many motivated staff. We heard of a number of successful maternity projects at the Trust that are making a difference to mothers and babies that have the potential to be rolled out across the capital."