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LOUISE LEAVES LASTING LEGACY



During Louise's time as CEO, Alder Hey has developed pioneering research and innovation facilities within a dedicated healthcare campus for children and young people.

Louise was instrumental in guiding Alder Hey through a move to a new hospital in 2015.

IN SEPTEMBER WE ANNOUNCED THAT ALDER HEY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE LOUISE SHEPHERD CBE WILL STEP DOWN TO TAKE UP A NEW ROLE AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR NHS ENGLAND'S NORTH WEST REGION IN NOVEMBER.

Since her appointment as Chief Executive back in March 2008, Louise has guided Alder Hey to become a leading player in children's health both nationally and on a world stage.

Appointed Governor and Councillor Barbara Murray said: "At the heart of

Louise's commitment to Alder Hey and its staff are the children and families who have benefitted from the consistently outstanding care that has been provided at Alder Hey during her tenure. It has been my pleasure to have been a Governor alongside Louise during a period of significant transformation for the Trust as it continued to provide first-class treatment to children, despite an unrelenting difficult economic climate.

"It is both sad to lose such a remarkable colleague who will be missed and re-assuring that she will be bringing her compassion, knowledge and expertise to the North West as the next Regional Director."

ANNUAL
MEMBER'S
MEETING 2024
12TH NOVEMBER 2024

Join us online at 5pm to see how we performed in 2023/24.

View our full Annual Report and Accounts for 2023/24 at www.alderhey.nhs.uk



LATEST NEWS

AUGUST



ALDER CENTRE RELAUNCHES CHILD DEATH HELPLINE

Our dedicated bereavement centre, the Alder Centre, relaunched the Child Death Helpline. Staffed by bereaved parents, the Child Death Helpline (0808 800 6019) provides a national service for anyone affected by the death of a child, no matter how long ago.

SEPTEMBER



ALDER HEY EXEC IN CIO 100 LIST

Chief Transformation and Digital Officer Kate Warriner was named among the top ten on the CIO 100 UK 2024 List. The CIO Top 100 list is compiled annually to honour the leading technology executives in the UK.



CHARITY SAYS PUT CHILDREN FIRST

Alder Hey Children's Charity launched the Put Children First coalition, calling on Government to make children the political priority when redesigning the health service, creating a children's centred NHS that is digitally enabled and focused on prevention and community care.

OCTOBER

ALDER HEY LAUNCHES EUROPE'S BIGGEST HOSPITAL VIRTUAL TOUR



We unveiled Europe's largest 360° hospital Matterport virtual tour on our website, designed specifically for children and their families. It features: a 360° walk-through of over 188,000 square feet of Alder Hey, interactive 'hotspots', video explaining procedures and virtual signage. Find out more at:

<https://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/virtual-tour/>



SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS ALDER HEY

During a visit in October, Rt Hon Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care spent time with Alder Hey staff, before meeting health and social care leaders from across the North West. More on pg 4.

ALDER HEY STAR AWARDS 2024

On Friday 4th October 2024, colleagues and teams from across Alder Hey gathered together for our annual Alder Hey Star Awards!

The event was presented by The Guide Liverpool's Jay Hynd and Claire Simmo with Special Guest Presenter Paddy McGuinness. See all our winners at www.alderhey.nhs.uk



MATALAN LAUNCHES 2024 CAMPAIGN

Fashion and home retailer Matalan announced its 11th campaign in collaboration with Alder Hey Children's Charity. 100% of profits from the #TogetherForAlderHey campaign will be donated to Alder Hey.

TRANSFORMING CARE THROUGH VIRTUAL WARD

ALDER HEY'S STRONG PERFORMANCE IN TACKLING AND REDUCING WAITING TIMES HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE. THIS INCLUDES INTRODUCING A NEW URGENT CARE SERVICE AND A PAEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT SERVICE, STREAMLINING OUR APPROACH TO REFERRALS AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION.

We have also developed and delivered pioneering digital solutions to improve care, including establishing the largest children's virtual ward in the UK.

Our virtual ward allows children and young people to receive hospital level care at home, safely and in familiar surroundings. This helps to speed up their recovery, reduce hospital admissions and facilitate early discharge. Operated day to day by our Children's Community Nursing Team and newly appointed HCA/Phlebotomy Team, the service is delivered by very experienced community paediatric nurses supported by two fantastic administrators.

Sara Roberts from our Integrated Community Care Nursing Team explains:

“We support different specialties across the Trust, including acute admissions from the Emergency Department, PAU and our hospital wards. We attend wards every day to identify any children and young people who would benefit from our service and, by utilising technology alongside face-to-face assessments, we provide a hybrid approach to safe and effective care. Another part of our role is to provide families with education and support so they can safely manage common childhood illnesses at home without coming into hospital.

“By providing community-based nursing care through a virtual ward, we have been able to reduce attendances and reattendances in our Emergency Department, reduce the amount of

time children and young people spend in hospital and alleviate pressures across different services.

“Most importantly the feedback from our children, young people and their families has been extremely positive. We work with families to ensure our care provides as little disruption to daily life activities as possible and we have enhanced access to care for our children and young people with learning disabilities and anxiety disorders.

“Our aim now is to further expand the service across other specialist services at Alder Hey and by working closely with primary care providers, our networks and other regional virtual hubs.”

NOVEMBER

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You can find out more about how transforming care is improving our performance by attending our AMM on the 12th November and in our latest Annual Report and Accounts at www.alderhey.nhs.uk



SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE VISITS ALDER HEY

DURING A SPECIAL VISIT IN OCTOBER, RT HON WES STREETING, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ANNOUNCED A MAJOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN ALDER HEY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL.

The 'Liverpool Institute of Child Health and Wellbeing' will transform the lives and life chances of children and young people through research. It will bring together experts from across a range of disciplines, including data, AI and climate science, as well as health and life sciences, in new and innovative ways to tackle a range of complex issues.

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Rt Hon Wes Streeting, said: "I'm delighted to be here to open the new Liverpool Institute for Child Health and Wellbeing, which is undertaking cutting-edge research to improve the care of children and young people. Unfortunately, we know that across the country, too many children and young



people are not receiving the care they deserve, and waits for services are too long. So, I'm grateful that Alder Hey are leading the way and investing in the research we need to turn things around.

"I want to ensure every child has a healthy and happy start to life, and improving children's services is a vital part of our 10-year Health Plan that will build an NHS that is fit for the future."

With an initial investment of £2.5m from Alder Hey, the University and Alder Hey Children's Charity, the Liverpool Institute of Child Health and Wellbeing will be recruiting to a number of research positions in the coming months.

Louise Shepherd CBE, Chief Executive of Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust said:

“The Institute will play a pivotal role in helping us to tackle the most urgent and serious problems facing children and young people. This collaboration with the University of Liverpool will strengthen our capability for clinical research and innovation to bring children better care, medicines and treatments, and prevent diseases using the latest technologies. Together we are leading the way in building an NHS 'fit for the future'.”

KIDS CORNER - AUTUMN EDITION

SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO IMAGES



UNSCRAMBLE THE AUTUMNAL WORD:

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