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## Saying a big thank you to a group of special nurses

Today, Wednesday 15 March, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King’s Lynn NHS Foundation Trust (QEH) is celebrating National Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist Day by saying a big thank you to this group of highly skilled nurses.

Team QEH Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) are an integral part of a patients’ hospital journey when they receive a diagnosis of cancer and through their treatment. They provide QEH patients with personalised cancer care; giving detailed information about their individual diagnosis, offering support, and directing them to any additional services available to them.

Helen Blanchard, Interim Chief Nurse, said: “Today marked a special day, where we can take a moment to recognise the dedication and talent of a group of highly-skilled nurses here at QEH. Our Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists go above and beyond for our patients, day in and day out.

“They walk with our patients and their families throughout their cancer journey – constantly focusing on the quality of care they receive, and the individual experience of each and every patient. The difference they make to patients at, what is likely one of the most difficult times of their lives, is second to none. So today we say thank you, thank you to all of these specialist nurses for everything they do and will continue to do in the future. Your hard work really does make a difference to your patients and their family.”

As part of National Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist Day some of our hardworking CNS were present with travel mugs, kindly donated by charity Ailsa’s Aim. The charity help to support patients with supplies and support packs during an emergency admission.

Laura Shaw works as a Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse as part of Team QEH. Laura tells us how rewarding her role is: “Every day is different in this job. It’s the variety I like and the relationship you build with patients. Seeing patients throughout their care, from their diagnosis, throughout treatment, to their last follow up appointment. Being able to support our patients and be their advocate, at what is a difficult and challenging time, is a real privilege.”

Happy National Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist Day to all staff across QEH, Norfolk and beyond.

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