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**Celebrating nurses, midwives and operating department practitioners at Team QEH**

This month the King’s Lynn hospital has been celebrating its midwives, nurses, and operating department practitioners (ODPs) as part of international celebration days.

The QEH has 1,099 nurses, 148 midwives and 43 OPDs, who collectively have nearly 16,000 years of experience.

Over the last two week’s the hospital has celebrated **International Day of the Midwife (5 May)**, **International Nurses Day (12 May)** and **National Operating Department Practitioners Day (14 May)**.

These important awareness days are observed around the world annually to mark the contributions that each profession makes.

This team of people cared for more than 452 574 patients in the last year and welcomed 1,821 new babies into the world.

Pippa Street, Chief Nurse at The QEH, said: “I’d like to say a huge thank you to every single, nurse, midwife and OPD that makes up Team QEH.

“These celebration days are an opportunity for us to recognise the vital contribution that our colleagues make across the NHS. We simply would not be able to provide the care we do without our team of dedicated individuals.

“I am a proud nurse myself so celebrating my colleagues is something I am very passionate about. Thank you for all you do and all you will continue to do, thank you for your dedication to our patients and to your professions”.

As part of the celebration of these important days, the Trust hosted an educational event for nurses, midwives and ODPs at the hospital. Those invited learnt from each other as well as from Royal College of Nursing speakers and have tours of the [newly refurbished Simulation Ward](https://qehklmediahub.com/2024/05/07/qeh-opens-new-innovative-simulation-ward-thanks-to-generous-charitable-fund-donation/) which opened last week.

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