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**His Majesty King Charles III becomes patron of King’s Lynn hospital**

To mark the first anniversary of the Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III, has announced his patronage to The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (QEH).

Sandringham Estate, one of Their Majesty’s country retreats, is on the doorstep of the hospital and last year The QEHKL Charity was invited to attend the Sandringham Flower Show to promote the great work of the charity.

The late Queen previously was Royal Patron to the Trust until her death in 2022.

Chris Lawrence, Trust Chair, said: “We were delighted to receive the news that His Majesty is now our Patron and we are deeply honoured that he has decided to continue the patronage of The late Queen.

“It was an honour to meet both The King and Queen last year at the Sandringham Flower Show on behalf of the hospital and our charity.

"The Patronage will be a great support in shining a light on the work our staff carry out every single day to help patients and their loved ones."

This news follows a review of royal patronages which has been conducted following His Majesty’s accession.

Buckingham Palace released a statement which said, “Royal Patronage highlights the vital work of these organisations and allows their many achievements and valuable contributions to society to be more widely recognised and promoted.”

A number of QEH staff have met His Majesty when they have been invited to attend Royal Garden parties. Last week, Phulmattie Mohan, Medicine Matron attended the King’s Garden Party of behalf of The QEH. Dressed to impress, alongside her Husband Rohan Mohan, Senior Healthcare Assistant at the hospital, she said: “Thank you for the opportunity to attend the King’s Garden Party. It was indeed an honour and an experience I will never forget. The sunshine was glorious. There were so many people and lots of beautiful dresses.”

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