

10th May 2019

PRESS RELEASE

Nurses go back to bed

Nurses at Russells Hall Hospital polished up their pleats and honed their hospital corners for an against-the-clock bed making competition with their non-nursing colleagues to celebrate International Nurses' Day.

From the chief executive to newly qualified, nurses and non clinical teams raced to make the perfect hospital bed in the old fashioned way, with penalty seconds for untidy corners or sides of different lengths.

With a blistering time of one minute and 17 seconds, nurse manager Karen Fisher and her outpatients team – the Golden Oldies – took the prize. A team from the ophthalmology department also won a prize after impressing with the neatness of their bed making.

Chief executive Diane Wake and interim chief nurse Mary Sexton, both trained nurses, also competed.

The event, in the main reception at Russells Hall Hospital, was held as part of celebrations for International Nurses Day, which takes place each year on May 12th – the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

Sweet and savoury treats were also provided, along with visits from a refreshments trolley to the wards and the Trust's community venues at Guest and Corbett outpatient centres, and Stourbridge and Brierley Hill health and social care centres.

It coincided with a recruitment open morning, as The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust continues to recruit qualified nurses as well as training up its own staff.

CAPTIONS

The winning outpatients team with interim chief nurse Mary Sexton (right)

Deputy chief nurse Carol Love-Mecrow, interim chief nurse Mary Sexton, chief executive Diane Wake and recruitment and retention lead Kerrie Walters

*** ENDS ***

For more information, please call Alison Ashmore, Communications Officer for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, on (01384) 456111 extension 4414 or email alison.ashmore1@nhs.net

Approved by: