Ward B1 named as Charity Champions

Rotherham Hospital Charity have named B1 (Medical Admissions Unit) as their fundraising champions after they raised over £5000 for the charity over the past two years. As a thank you, Charity Development Officer, Tracy Williams, presented B1 with 16 tickets to the Peter Pan pantomime taking place at Rotherham Civic Theatre this Christmas, after receiving the complimentary tickets from RMBC.

Recently B1 raised an impressive £2435 through staff nurse Russell Burrows’ three Peaks Challenge, a downhill mountain bike ride challenge by pharmacist technician Darren Wilson and friends from his cycling club and It’s a Knockout where a team from B1 competed against other teams from the Trust as the B1 Hustlers in the event in June. The money was split between Rotherham Hospital Charity and Sheffield Area Kidney Association (SAKA) and was donated in memory of Nigel Smith, the late husband of a member of staff.

Suzie McDonald, B1 Deputy Ward Manager said, “We are very proud of everyone who has contributed to our fundraising and helped raise money for both Rotherham Hospital Charity and SAKA. As we are the first ward that most patients see it is good to be able to raise awareness of other areas at the Trust, such as the charity. Getting involved in fundraising events also makes work even more enjoyable and helps with team building.”

B1 will give some of the tickets to their staff and will raffle the rest to raise more money for the charity.

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B1 Deputy Ward Manager

Mega lungs event in the Community Corner

A pair of 12ft-high inflatable lungs will be visiting Rotherham Hospital on Wednesday 5 December 2012. The lungs are being used to promote Lung Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place throughout November. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the common signs and symptoms of the UK’s biggest cancer killer and improve early diagnosis of the disease. Everyone is welcome to come along to the event from 10am onwards. This event has been organised by The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Rotherham Hospital
Wednesday 5 Dec
Main Entrance
New electronic system aids quicker and easier referrals from hospital

The Rotherham Foundation Trust, in partnership with Strata Health, has developed a new e-referral system which connects health and social care teams across the hospital, community and wider Rotherham organisations supporting a better, more streamlined approach to handovers between teams.

The system initially supported electronic management of the legislated process within the Delayed Discharge Act 2002 (Section 2s and 5s). It’s part of a three year project to improve the communication systems between social and health care.

Over the last year the Strata system has grown, enabling e-referrals between the hospital and community services. Hospital staff can now e-refer to District Nurse teams, Intermediate Care, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Breathing Space. Just recently the Continence Team, Falls and Fracture team and the Inpatient Diabetes team were also added to the system.

To date, the outcomes have included reduced delayed discharges, better communication and increased coordination of teams as well as saving paper costs and therefore the environment as well.

Work to further embed the system is underway and the Trust is looking to implement e-referrals for the Stop Smoking Service, Cardiac Rehab team, Audiology and Domiciliary Physio over the next few weeks.

In line with the ambitions of the Trust’s Service Development Strategy 3 (SDS3), a final phase will see the program reach further out into the community to enable matching of need to packages of care; ensuring better, faster care to our aging population and increasing the level of choice and overall patient outcome.

For further information on the program and rollout, please contact Ben Chico, Assistant Director Patient Access at ben.chico@rothgen.nhs.uk.

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