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Message from Glyn Jones (Interim Chief Executive) and Ann Lloyd CBE (Chair)



Nadolig Llawen pawb / Merry Christmas all, welcome to this week's newsletter.

It's Christmas at the end of what has been another very strange and challenging year for us all. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all, on behalf of the Executive Team and the Board, for your amazing efforts throughout this year, which have once again been nothing short of incredible. With our whole healthcare system seeing record numbers of patients coming through our doors, this year seems to have been another one without any let up. Despite these really difficult circumstances, you have continued to show the drive, passion and determination that makes NHS staff who they are, and for that, we are so grateful.

As we began the year with the task of delivering the largest, most ambitious mass vaccination programme ever recorded, we were very fortunate to have a fantastic team ready to help us fulfil our vaccination targets in our first steps towards beating Covid-19. Being able to officially open The Grange University Hospital, after working so hard to open it six months ahead of schedule last November, was also a great achievement for us this year; particularly as we continued to battle through the Covid-19 Pandemic. The last minute acceleration of our Covid-19 Booster Vaccination Programme has also now thrown yet another challenge our way. As we look to offer boosters to every adult in Gwent by the end of the year, you have all risen to this challenge without hesitation once again. Whilst it has been an incredibly challenging year, we have achieved so much, and couldn't have done that without you all.

Christmas celebrations may look a bit different again this year, but we really hope that you can find the time to relax and enjoy time with those closest to you. Please stay safe, look after yourselves, your family and your colleagues. Merry Christmas!

Glyn and Ann



A Big Christmas Thank You

From our Primary Care, Community, and Mental Health and Learning Disabilities teams, to our Hospital based staff, support services and every other member of our Health Board, you have all worked exceptionally hard throughout the year to deliver the best possible care for our patients, whilst continually adapting to new ways of working throughout the Pandemic. We would like to thank every member of staff who is sacrificing time with their loved ones this Christmas to keep our services open and our patients cared for throughout the Christmas period.



A Working Christmas

Melanie Prince, a Biomedical Scientist in Haematology & Blood Transfusion, will be working at different laboratories over the Christmas weekend. Melanie will be at Nevill Hall Hospital on Christmas Eve and The Grange University Hospital on Christmas Day.

Melanie said: "We all know we're not working alone over Christmas, and it feels great to be part of a team

providing these services for our community. I do feel I've lucked out this year, as my lovely colleague Fatuma is bringing in her amazing Samosas to go with some Fizzy Apple juice on our break this Christmas Day."

"By the time I get back home to Powys, hopefully my husband and his sister will have cracked Christmas dinner and I can put my feet up with a glass of Fizz and if not, we'll just have Christmas lunch the next day!"

Wellbeing Reminder

Particularly as we reflect on the last year and look to the new, it is so important that we all recognise the impact busy working and personal lives can have on our health and wellbeing. Your wellbeing is an absolute priority, so please, if you are feeling overwhelmed or struggling, speak to your line manager, a colleague or contact our wellbeing service.

For more information on the staff support available, please visit the dedicated Employee Wellbeing website: <https://aneurinbevanwellbeing.co.uk/>



St Woolos Hospital (1837)

Woodman, Spare That Tree! by Henry Russell

County Hospital (1837)

Hark, Brothers, Hark by John Hill Hewitt

Maindiff Court Hospital (1875)

Habanera by Georges Bizet

Royal Gwent Hospital (1901)

Ma Blushin' Rosie by Albert Campbell

St Cadocs Hospital (1906)

Jimmy and Maggie at the Ball Game by Len Spencer & Ada Jones

Nevill Hall Hospital (1970)

I Hear You Knocking by Dave Edmunds

Ysbyty'r Tri Chwm (1996)

2 Become 1 by the Spice Girls

Chepstow Community Hospital (2000)

Can We Fix It? By Bob the Builder

Monnow Vale Integrated Health and Social Care (2006)

A Moment Like This by Leona Lewis

Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan (2010)

When We Collide by Matt Cardle

Ysbyty Ystryd Fawr (2011)

Wherever You Are by Military Wives with Gareth Malone

The Grange University Hospital (2020)

Don't Stop Me Eatin' by LadBaby

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