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## **MP Liz Kendall backs services to keep patients in their own homes**

Leicester West MP Liz Kendall has visited Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Intensive Community Support service. She was told how the service can support up to 256 people at any one time.

The service was set up in 2012. It provides intensive nursing care, physiotherapy and occupational therapy to people in their own homes. For many of these people, they would have had to be admitted to hospital if the service did not exist. For the rest, the service allowed them to be discharged from a hospital stay much earlier.

Research shows that older patients – who make up the majority of ICS patients – recover more quickly at their home than they do in hospital. Most patients prefer to be at home, as they can more easily see family, friends and pets and are in familiar surroundings.

Liz Kendall visited ICS staff at the Neville Centre, on the site of the Leicester General Hospital. The service works across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland from five different bases.

Liz Kendall also had a discussion with Peter Miller, LPT's chief executive, and met Leicester City Council social care staff who work from the same building as the ICS staff, to co-ordinate care for patients.

Jude Smith, head of nursing for LPT's community health services directorate, said: "The ICS service has been a great success. It is providing care closer to home for

patients. Feedback from patients show that more than 95 per cent would recommend it to friends or family with similar conditions.”

Liz Kendall said: “The nurses and care workers do an amazing job helping people to get out of hospitals and stay at home. I want to see more services like this.”

CAPTION: Liz Kendall MP (centre) with community matron Yvonne Livie (left) and community staff nurse Emma Jackson.

To learn more about the ICS service, watch this short video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCQ-TX\\_4\\_ic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCQ-TX_4_ic) .

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**Note to editors**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk).

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