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Elaine Liquorish is made Queen's Nurse

A nurse with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust has been elevated to healthcare royalty.

Elaine Liquorish has been made a Queen's Nurse, an honour reserved for experienced nurses, health visitors and midwives who have a commitment to working in the community.

There are just 1,100 Queen's Nurses across the country. Each pledges to continue their professional development, to network with other Queen's Nurses, and to promote the work of the Queen's Nurse Institute.

Elaine started working as a community nurse in 1994. After spells as a Macmillan Nurse and Homecare Sister for a Staffordshire hospice, she decided to train as a District Nurse and started working in Leicester. Since then worked in a variety of senior community based nursing posts.

For the last seven years she has been developing the next generation of community nurses as a clinical education lead, based at LPT's offices in Barrow upon Soar, Charnwood.

She said: "I love it. The community is the place to work because of the relationships that you build with patients and their families and their carers and the difference you can make.



“You get to see how patients live their lives so you are part of something that they are experiencing every day, all the aspects that make their life the way it is and the different people who are involved in their care.

“We are always a guest in their home which is a huge privilege as you become part of their health care journey.”

Elaine, 54, who lives in Leicester, added: “The specialist community care we now give is much more complex than ever before. Many of our patients are very frail and have multiple problems, illnesses and disease processes.

“You see them in their own environment, understand and appreciate what makes them tick, what is important to them as individuals.

“The patient is still at the centre of everything I do. I’m now helping and supporting staff to give the best care that they can to patients. I still go out a lot to see patients, teaching and supervising staff in the community.

“I was absolutely thrilled to be accepted as a Queen’s Nurse. It is such a great opportunity to network with other Queen’s Nurses and an opportunity to access additional training which will benefit the people I am working with. I’m really excited.”

Elaine has also volunteered as a Parish Nurse at Leicester’s Centre Project, which works to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing.

She is also one of LPT’s team of organisational coaches, helping to mentor the next generation of leaders.

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, Chief Executive of the QNI said: “On behalf of the QNI I would like to congratulate Elaine and welcome her as a Queen’s Nurse. Queen’s Nurses serve as leaders and role models in community nursing, delivering high quality health care across the country. The application and assessment process to become a Queen’s Nurse is rigorous and requires clear commitment to improving care for patients, their families and carers. We look forward to working with Elaine and all other new Queen’s Nurses who have received the title this year.”

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk
2. Raising Health is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT’s excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. www.raisinghealth.org.uk .