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Public invited to join morning celebration of nursing this Friday

The public is invited to find out about the latest advances in local nursing services in Leicestershire and Rutland at a special morning event at the King Power Stadium in Leicester this **Friday 11 May**.

The event, on the eve of International Nurses' Day, has been organised by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, which provides community health, mental health and learning disability services for a population of around a million people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

This session, open from 10.30am to 12.30pm, features a 'learning café' which demonstrates the wide diversity of high quality nursing practice across the Trust. Nursing staff from LPT's community health, adult mental health, learning disabilities and its families, young peoples' and children's divisions will showcase their work.

Visitors will be able to drop in, enjoy a drink, chat to nursing staff and browse displays showcasing the Trust's ongoing work to provide high quality patient care across its services. Projects featured in displays will include:

- A major campaign to eliminate the risk of preventable pressure ulcers
- Breast and bowel cancer screening (learning disabilities)
- Meeting the mental health needs of young offenders
- Increasing the uptake of breastfeeding

Jackie Ardley, LPT's chief nurse and director of quality and innovation, said: "Following our merger last year with the community health service provider arms of the county and city PCTs, our Trust has doubled in size, providing not just mental health and learning disability services but wide-ranging community health services as well."

“We’re proud of our achievements to date and we want the public to come along and find out more about them. It’s also important that we continue to develop and improve the way we work.

Our new nursing strategy will reflect our ongoing work to integrate our services so that we can for individuals, families and communities.

“We want our staff to help us shape our nursing strategy so that we ensure we provide effective, responsive health and wellbeing services that meet differing health needs of those communities, from young parents and schoolchildren to the frail and elderly, living anywhere from the heart of the city to our rural villages.”

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You are welcome to send a photographer between 11am and noon.

Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

Our mission: To advance health and wellbeing for you and your community

Our vision: To become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence

2. International Nurses’ Day is celebrated around the world every year on 12 May, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth, to mark the contribution nurses make to society.

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