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Celebrating Martina Jones and 40 years of NHS service

Colleagues in the Microbiology Department have said a fond farewell to one of their longest serving team members, Martina Jones, as she retires following an incredible 40 years of NHS service.

Martina began her career in Microbiology at Clatterbridge in 1986, joining the department as a Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer after completing her A Levels.

Alongside her career, Martina continued her education at Liverpool Polytechnic, completing her Higher National Certificate before going on to achieve a BSc in Biomedical Sciences.

Over the following four decades, Martina established herself as a highly skilled and valued Biomedical Scientist, consistently demonstrating professionalism, dedication and a commitment to providing the highest standards of service.

Her contribution has extended far beyond her day to day role. Martina was involved in the EUCAST project in 2017 and joined the NEQAS team in 2019, becoming one of the department's NEQAS Coordinators.

She has also played an important role in supporting the development of colleagues, dedicating countless hours to training and mentoring junior members of staff and generously sharing the knowledge and experience gained throughout her career.

Colleagues describe Martina as someone they could always rely on. Whether supporting new ways of working, responding to changes within the department or simply stepping forward when an extra pair of hands was needed, her commitment to Microbiology has been greatly appreciated.

Martina has also built strong relationships with colleagues across the department and beyond, becoming known for her friendly and approachable nature, professionalism, humour and willingness to support those around her.

Away from work, Martina is a keen cyclist and enjoys cycling holidays with friends. Retirement will now provide even more opportunity for adventures, holidays and spending time with her family and grandchildren.



Martina's contribution to Microbiology over the past 40 years has been immense and she leaves behind a lasting impact on both the department and the many colleagues she has worked alongside and supported throughout her career.

We would like to thank Martina for everything she has given to the department and the NHS.

We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement filled with cycling adventures, holidays, family time and plenty of laughter.

Thank you, Martina. You will be truly missed.