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Mayor joins WUTH and WCHC teams to champion dementia friendly care

The Mayor of Wirral joined WUTH and WCHC colleagues, patients, carers and community organisations today as part of local activities marking World Patient Safety Day.

Councillor Mary Jordan visited events at St Catherine's Health Centre and Arrowe Park Hospital, bringing together colleagues from Wirral University Teaching Hospital and Wirral Community Health and Care alongside local partner organisations.

This year's local activities focused on promoting safe care for people living with dementia and showcased how hospital, community and partner services are working together to provide more joined up support for people across Wirral.

Local organisations including Alzheimer's Society Wirral, Age UK Wirral, Healthwatch Wirral and Wired joined NHS teams throughout the day to speak with patients, carers, families and members of the public.

Visitors were able to find out more about living well with dementia, the support available for carers and families, and ways people can reduce their risk of dementia and promote good brain health.

The events also provided an opportunity for health and care professionals to share their expertise, strengthen connections between services and support the shared ambition of creating a dementia friendly Wirral.

Councillor Jordan has extensive experience of working in dementia care, having previously served as a dementia project lead across Cheshire and Merseyside and later the North West Coast.



Reflecting on her visit, she said: “I want to see a dementia friendly borough where everybody is aware of dementia and understands how people with dementia see the world, and where that world is accepting of them and allows them to live as normal a life as possible.

“It’s great to see the work that’s being done for dementia and particularly to see that focus on living well.

“Once you diagnose somebody with dementia, you can’t just leave them. You’ve got to give them support to enable them to live their life as normally as they possibly can.

“Just because they’ve got a diagnosis, it doesn’t mean life is over. Life can carry on for as long as it can.”

World Patient Safety Day is marked internationally each year on 17 September to raise awareness and encourage action to improve patient safety.

As part of Wirral’s activities to mark the day, St Catherine’s Health Centre and Arrowe Park Hospital were also illuminated orange, the colour associated with World Patient Safety Day.