A journey through nursing and midwifery

Nursing and midwifery exhibition

NHS Ayrshire & Arran, in partnership with the Royal College of Nursing Archives and South Ayrshire Council, is hosting a nursing and midwifery exhibition to celebrate the rich and diverse history of nursing and midwifery.

The exhibition runs from 17 April 2015 until 12 June 2015 in Carnegie Library, Ayr.

The exhibition has already visited North Ayrshire, where more than 250 people came along to find out more about nursing and midwifery over the years.

Ann Gow, Interim Nurse Director of NHS Ayrshire & Arran explains: “This exhibition celebrates the rich and diverse history of nursing and midwifery and showcases the ways in which nursing and midwifery has developed and diversified over the years.

“In NHS Ayrshire & Arran alone, we employ almost 4,000 nurses and midwives in a range of roles, including specialist roles. We hope that this exhibition will be interesting and will encourage nursing and midwifery as a career choice.”

Tim Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care for the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, says: “The nursing and midwifery profession has changed a lot over the years, and today there is a greater emphasis on care closer to home. With the integration of health and social care, you are now as likely to see your nurse or midwife in a community setting, rather than in a hospital.”

As well as the exhibition, nursing and midwifery staff will host a series of drop in sessions every Friday afternoon, where members of the public can drop in and have a chat about all aspects of health and wellbeing.

Ms Gow adds: “In the spring, we often want to get out and about more, and keep healthy. Our staff will be on hand to offer hints and tips from stopping smoking and doing more exercise, to losing weight and living with a long-term condition.”

There will also be an evening launch event for the public on Wednesday 22 April 2015 at 7pm. There will be a range of speakers and the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with senior nursing and midwifery staff.
Media information

For immediate use

There is no need to book a place for the exhibition and drop-in sessions. However, if you would like to attend the evening launch event, please contact Carnegie Library on 01292 286385 as spaces are limited.

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