A journey through nursing and midwifery

Nursing and midwifery exhibition

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

The exhibition runs until 20 March 2015 in the Heritage Centre, Saltcoats.

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.”

Iona Colvin, Director of Health and Social Care for the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, says: “It is fascinating to see how the nursing profession changed over the years. Nurses now work in many settings including hospitals, health centres, nursing homes and in patients’ own homes.

"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: “A new year brings the opportunity to make resolutions to 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.”

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GH_NHSAAA_290115_EXHIBITION_1.jpg Jennifer Gow from Lochwinnoch learns more about how nursing practices have advanced.

GH_NHSAAA_290115_EXHIBITION_51.jpg Retired nurse, Jean Price from Saltcoats takes a trip down memory lane.

GH_NHSAAA_290115_EXHIBITION_53.jpg Hannah Macdonald from Prestwick finds out more about the equipment used.

GH_NHSAAA_290115_EXHIBITION_54.jpg Katie McQuistin from Saltcoats finds out more about how nurses dressed in the past.

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