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 from 16 January 2015 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.”

There will also be an evening launch event for the public on Thursday 29 January 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 staff.
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 the Heritage Centre on 01294 464174 as spaces are limited.

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