

## PRESS RELEASE

Monday 20 May

## Local CCG celebrates International Nurses Day



**Nurses Day, an international celebration of nursing and nurses, took place on 12 May this year, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.**

To mark International Nurses Day, NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) invited staff to a celebration event held at the local office on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Colleagues were treated to a selection of tea and cakes and had the chance to take part in a 'guess the year of the nurse' quiz.

*(From left to right: Nurses Catherine Whitehouse, Lesley*

*Cochrane, Annie Coyle, Ellen Footman and Jo Galloway)*

Participants were also given the opportunity to receive a 'well check' which included blood pressure checks, pulse monitoring and weight checks.

**Jo Galloway, Executive Nurse, Quality and Patient Safety, NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG and NHS Wyre Forest CCG said:**

'Nurses work in a variety of roles in a range of settings and are often the ones who care for us, and our nearest and dearest, when we are at our most vulnerable; they perform vital work in our hospitals and communities and they often make a remarkable difference to people's lives.

Every day of the year the compassion and care provided by nurses positively benefits our society but it's not often enough that we take the time to celebrate the immense contribution that nurses make to our local communities. The NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG and NHS Wyre Forest CCG celebration event was about applauding the work of our nurses and the positive contributions they make to patient care. As well as celebrating those who deliver care directly to patients, Nurses Day provides an opportunity to mark the work of nurses who work in commissioning where the focus is on quality assurance, and working with our providers to continuously improve standards of care.

As part of the special day, the Royal College of Nursing is asking staff and patients to share their stories about what makes nursing a truly special profession and how nursing has made a difference to people's lives. Why not share your story here: <http://nursesday.rcn.org.uk/>

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**Notes for Editors**

- For more information about NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group please visit [www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk](http://www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk)

- NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG represent 22 GP practices and serve a patient population of 170,000 patients.
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