

## Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive (3 July 2020, 2.20pm)

This weekend we celebrate the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the NHS – and never has the celebration been more poignant.

The anniversary has always being a date to reflect and recognise the vital role that the NHS and social care play in our communities. Just two years ago there were events up and down the country to mark this historic milestone. Little did we know then the challenge our great institutions would soon face.

Public appreciation of the work we do every day has never been more visible. We only need to remember the Thursday night clap, open a newspaper or walk along our streets and see the colourful rainbows to know that.

As healthcare professionals we see every day how invaluable and remarkable the work we do is. This year and throughout this health emergency a light has been shone upon this and I believe the public now have a deeper understanding of the great worth of the NHS and the challenges it faces.

I hope you are proud to be part of our NHS; I know I am. I want to send my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your tremendous efforts over the last few months and hope you get a chance to celebrate in your own way on Sunday.

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