

Core brief

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Chief Executive Professor Jann Gardner visits the Vale of Leven Hospital Day Surgery Unit

As part of her commitment to be out and about meeting staff, Chief Executive Professor Jann Gardner, paid a recent visit to the Vale of Leven Hospital Day Surgery Unit (DSU).

Accompanied by Chief Operating Officer William Edwards and Medical Director Dr Scott Davidson, she met some of the team responsible for the service, which includes three theatres and one minor operations room.



Paul Hendry, Clinical Service Manager - Theatres & Critical Care Clyde Sector, Scott Davidson, Medical Director, Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, William Edwards, COO, Karen Bellshaw, SCN, Christine Sandlin, Senior ODP

Speaking with Clinical Services Manager Paul Hendry, SCN Karen Bellshaw, SCN Christine Kilday, and Senior ODP Christine Sandlin, Jann heard about a key area of success within the DSU, where the high-performing team are now delivering a High Volume Cataract Surgery - averaging 6.8 High Volume Cataract procedures per session with an average total procedural time of 22 - 25 minutes. The team has also held successful trials double running these sessions with dual theatres in use simultaneously by a consultant and senior trainee, looking to

further increase the number of patients treated and cut down ophthalmology waiting lists.

Thanks to the DSU's success in ophthalmology, the team is looking to increase capacity to support additional Orthopaedic procedures with a focus on upper and lower limb work. In the next few weeks, the team will also implement a new Transperineal biopsy service for Urology to support with the early diagnosis of prostate cancer.

The team's innovative work also extends to sustainability, where the DSU has achieved a 95% reduction in its nitrous oxide footprint and compliance with Bundle A of the National Green Theatres initiative. Changes to anaesthetic gas delivery and theatre ventilation systems allows the DSU to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and lower energy use in operating theatres, pushing forward sustainable practices.

Paul Hendry, Clinical Services Manager for Clyde Theatres and Critical Care, added: "The staff were delighted with Jann's visit and appreciated her questioning on what they see as their vision for the department. The positive feedback from Jann was well received by everyone, and the Vale's community spirit really shone through on the day."



William Edwards, COO, Scott Davidson, Medical Director, Vitoria Cox, GM Clyde OPSS, Morag Walsh, Head of FM Operations Clyde, Iona Scott, GM Clyde S&A, Karen Tweedie, Integrated Services Manager for Vale of Leven, Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, Margaret O'Rourke, CSM/Lead Nurse Vale of Leven

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