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Refurbishment for
Ophthalmology
Department



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Looking forward with refurbished Ophthalmology department

Following a six month refurbishment, a formal ceremony marked the opening of the Ophthalmology Department at Hillingdon Hospital.

Consultant Ophthalmologist, Mr Nick Lee, said: "The refurbishment and expansion of the department has been



The department was opened by Chief Executive David McVittie and Mrs Fellman's daughters

matched with state of the art new equipment which is helping the hospital to be one of the country's leading centres for treating macular degeneration and other eye diseases."

Helping more and more

He said techniques such as Anti-VEGF'S injections for not only macular degeneration but also diabetes and other eye conditions are helping more and more patients to keep their eyesight, and the department's new OCT (high resolution Optical Coherence Tomography) imaging machine would lead to far more accurate diagnoses.

The department, which cost £400,000 to refurbish, is also due to take delivery of a cutting edge Pasca Laser, which will be used to treat diabetic patients.

Dr Lee said: "Previously laser treatments for diabetics would take two sessions of around 45 minutes. With the new laser we will be able to treat patients in a single session lasting for two or three minutes.

Major step

"It will be far, far more comfortable for patients, and there will be no need for patients to spend weeks waiting for appointments. The laser will undoubtedly stop a number of diabetic patients from losing their sight. It is a major step forward in the treatment of diabetes"

Dedicated

The opening was dedicated to Marie Pettrman, for her tireless work promoting eye services for blind people and improving facilities for patients at the hospital. •

MEASURES OF CARE – ensuring excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Practice

Alex Razak from the Nursing Performance Unit and Anita Maudsley, Clinical Audit and Effectiveness Manager, recently presented on the Measures of Care project at the Clinical Audit and Improvement Conference, Savoy Place, London.

Measures of Care is the Trust system to "set and monitor the quality of nursing care against agreed standards."

The presentation shared the experiences and outcomes from the first two cycles of Measures of Care audits, looking at:

- Setting the standard by which care is measured
- Delivering an audit process that reflects the quality of care received by patients and drives change where necessary
- Retrospective vs real time observational audit

- Enabling wards to audit their own practice

Alex and Anita both felt that this was a good opportunity to share with a wider audience areas of good practice and demonstrate improvements in the quality of care for patients. If you would like any further information about the presentation, please contact Anita Maudsley. •