

Press release

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Lincoln MP visits new hospital ward

MP for Lincoln and Public Health Minister, Gillian Merron visited staff and patients on a brand new ward at Lincoln County Hospital yesterday.

The new £2.8m Navenby Ward opened in January providing 23 additional beds for cardio and respiratory patients.

The ward also contains two negative pressure rooms to provide specialist infection control facilities for respiratory patients and a special bariatric suite to care for grossly overweight patients who need specialist equipment and facilities to ensure high standards of care, privacy and dignity.

Gillian spent time meeting the staff on the ward, talking to patients and looking at how the new facilities are being used.

“This is a fantastic new facility for Lincoln. The hospital is constantly offering new, better and higher quality facilities. Talking to patients, they really appreciate the bright, new environment, quality of care and standard of cleanliness. The ward has a great atmosphere and a great team. I really enjoyed my visit,” she said.

Junior Sister on Naveby Ward, Katie Sleight, said: “It was really nice for staff and patients to see the local MP. It’s great for her to be taking an interest in the hospital and the work that goes on here.”

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Notes to editors

Negative pressure rooms are used to prevent airborne infections spreading. They have a lobby through which members of staff enter the room. This has a washbasin and facilities for staff to put on aprons and gloves before entering the room. This lobby is kept at a positive pressure. The side room has an ensuite toilet and air is extracted from both the side room and toilet to maintain a negative air pressure, thereby preventing airborne bugs from spreading outside of the room.

A photograph of Gillian Merron and some of the staff on Navenby Ward is attached.

