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Benenden Hospital Welcomes TV Personality Dr Hilary Jones MBE for International Nurses Day and National Operating Department Practitioners' (ODP) Day 2023



Benenden, Kent - On 12th May 2023, Benenden Hospital welcomed TV presenter, medical broadcaster and GP Dr Hilary Jones MBE to celebrate both International Nurses Day and National Operating Department Practitioners' (ODP) Day (14th May).

He toured the facilities of the private hospital, near Cranbrook, meeting staff across all areas, including the nursing, theatres, diagnostic imaging, pharmacy and catering teams, as well as chatting to patients.

Dr Hilary's return to the hospital was an evocative occasion for both him and the staff, as in 2018 he had unveiled the plaque for the official opening of its multi-million-pound redevelopment.

He said, "This day is an opportunity to reflect on the fantastic work of nurses around the globe. They are the bedrock of hospitals everywhere."

“Benenden is truly setting the standard. The team are all passionate and dedicated about what they do and it's a wonderful, very healing environment. From personal experience, as soon as you arrive, you feel as if you're already in a sanctuary where you are going to get better.”

Discussing the Theatres team, he commented: “The people who do such brilliant work in operating theatres are not always the most visible to patients, and as a result can often be forgotten. They work without the usual plaudits and appreciation that others who are more visible might attract, so having a day dedicated to them to make sure they know they're valued is vital.”

Hospital Director Jane Abbott said: “We were thrilled to welcome Dr Hilary to highlight the incredible work of our nursing and ODP teams on these important international days of recognition. He brought smiles to so many faces, provided a real boost for all our staff and patients, and is a fantastic champion of our hospital.”

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About Benenden Hospital

Opened in 1907, Benenden Hospital is an independent hospital with charitable status, providing first-class treatment for a wide range of specialities.

The only private hospital in Kent to be rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), it offers a wide range of healthcare consultations, treatments and diagnostic services to self-pay patients, [Benenden Health](#) members and those with private health insurance. It also offers some services to NHS patients via the e-referral system.

Providing the highest standards of patient care for over 100 years, the hospital offers fast access to over 250 treatments from highly experienced consultants, supported by dedicated clinicians and specialist teams, in calm and comfortable, modern surroundings.

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