

CUH Volunteers'

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Sad loss of long serving volunteer

We were deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of a long-standing member of the CUH family, Lewin volunteer Tina.

Tina joined Addenbrooke's 40 years ago as an auxiliary nurse (as they were then known) on the Rehab unit. She took on many patient support and fundraising tasks and in time a new post was created for her as the "Patient Support Coordinator". One of her colleagues from that time recalled that Tina was crucial in patients' recovery, organising day trips to the seaside, games and generally liaising with families.

When she reached retirement age she then spent many years working as a volunteer on the Lewin ward (as it had become), as a guide and within the Bereavement Support service. She regularly helped with the hospital medical students exams when patients were needed. She enjoyed organising for the King's Singers to sing on the wards at Christmas and herself enjoyed singing as part of the hospital choir. She made a tremendous amount of friends at Addenbrooke's during all this time and the hospital was central to her life before she herself needed treatment here.

Tina dedicated many years to Addenbrooke's and provided support to numerous patients, staff and visitors during her time here, and in doing so became very much a part of the fabric of CUH. She will be sorely missed by all those who knew her, not least in the Voluntary Services office. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.



COVID rates within CUH

With COVID rates rising within the community, it is no surprise that we are seeing the number of inpatients with COVID also on the increase. Masks are now mandatory in all clinical areas and you are of course welcome to wear a mask in other areas and these are available at entrances, Voluntary Services offices and clinical areas.

COVID and flu vaccines are available onsite, flu vaccines are drop-in but for COVID please let us know and we will notify Occupational Health, who will book this for you. If you have had either vaccination elsewhere, please contact OHCovidVacBookings@addenbrookes.nhs.uk so it can be recorded.

With the rates increasing, we of course appreciate that some volunteers may wish to pause their volunteering to protect themselves or vulnerable loved ones. Please do get in touch with us at cuh.volunteer@nhs.net to let us know if this is the case.