

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Basildon and Thurrock hospitals welcomes new trust partnership to improve patient care

Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be supported by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust as part of work to improve patient care.

The partnership, along with a number of other measures, was announced by the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt today.

Basildon Hospital welcomes the appointment of a new externally managed Improvement Director from Monitor.

Significant progress is already being made against its action plan including:

- A review of nursing levels has been completed and a further 200 nursing posts created and filled with new staff arriving on site from September 23 2013.
- The introduction of a senior nurse responsible for improving the patient experience and patient stories being heard first-hand at Trust board meetings.
- A review of infection control arrangements across the organisation is taking place.

Clare Panniker, Chief Executive, said: “We welcome our partnership with the Royal Free, and to learning from any best practice they can share with us. We believe we are making significant improvements to improving patient care.”

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