Welcome to your new quarterly update from the Priory Highbank Centre. This news bulletin will provide you with information on our latest initiatives and give you an opportunity to hear more about our team and the fantastic care that is delivered here at Highbank.

Visit Highbank
Please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a tour where you can see first-hand the excellent facilities and care that is delivered here every day.

We appreciate the increasing financial pressure on the NHS, which is why we recently reduced the cost for new admissions to our adult unit. In addition, we are now offering one month free for all patients placed with us in the next 3 months who are treated at Highbank for 6 months or more.

Elton Unit CQC Inspection report

In February an unannounced inspection took place of our Elton Unit which is a 28 bedded nurse-led unit facilitating quality care and slow stream rehabilitation for brain injured adults aged 18+.

We are pleased to report that we received an overall rating of Good for Elton Unit with a ‘Safe’ inspection area rating of Outstanding.
Meet the team – Dr Krystyna Walton FRCP

Dr Krystyna Walton FRCP has been a consultant in neuro rehabilitation since 1988, and has been a consultant at The Priory Highbank Centre since 1996.

We are immensely proud and fortunate to have Dr Walton’s expertise here at Highbank.

She has wide experience in all aspects of neuro rehabilitation and her particular interests are in complex neuro disability, acquired brain injury and the management of people with medically unexplained disability.

Ensuring the best End of Life Care

Jolanta Klej-Koziel, Senior Staff Nurse in our Elton Unit, has completed the Six Steps End of Life Care Programme. The scheme covers areas such as assessment and care planning, co-ordination of care and care in the last days of life.

Jolanta has earned this champion role with her commitment and dedication to providing a high standard of care. Having a champion at the site with access to current national information, knowledge and skills will mean other staff feel supported and empowered to deliver exceptional end of life care.

International Nurses’ Day – an extra special celebration

Each year Highbank enjoys celebrating International Nurses’ Day but this year’s celebration was a little bit extra special...

One of our inpatients, Tracey, used to be a midwife, a career which she is very proud of. As such, staff ensured that Tracey was able to commemorate her nursing career by celebrating with her peers, sharing stories and recognising her significant contribution to nursing.

Tracey’s recovery and rehabilitation journey since being with us at Highbank has been exceptional and she knows first-hand the
difference a great nursing team can have on someone's recovery. The pride she showed in celebrating her profession is indicative of the many dedicated nurses.

Highbank Hikers

Members of staff and patients came together to take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for Headway, the charity which works to improve life after brain injury.

The 5 mile sponsored walk from our Elton Unit to our Walmersley Unit is a remarkable achievement for some of the patients whose severe injuries have resulted in significant cognitive and physical impairments.

How to make a referral

Referrals are accepted from all NHS services including ITU, Trauma Units, adult and children wards, local authorities, private medical insurers and solicitors. The onsite team will be happy to discuss funding options and arrangements. Admission is following a comprehensive assessment by the interdisciplinary team and subject to agreement by the relevant funding authority.

To make a referral or for enquiries and further information:

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