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Celebrating 24 Hour Care in Children's ED

It is almost two years since Children's Emergency Department became a 24-hour service, with extended opening hours introduced in February 2024 to improve access to specialist emergency care for children and young people across Wirral.

Children's ED is located within the main Emergency Department footprint and is currently operating from a temporary location as part of the ongoing Urgent and Emergency Care Upgrade Programme. Despite this, the team has worked hard to create a calm and child friendly environment, using bright colours, play areas and age appropriate distractions to help reduce anxiety and stress for children and their families.

The team understands the importance of communicating in ways that are tailored to different ages and needs, helping children feel heard, supported and reassured during what can be a challenging experience.

The move to a 24-hour service has strengthened access to specialist paediatric emergency care and plays an important role in supporting the health and development of children and young people locally.

Thank you to everyone working in Children's ED for their dedication, professionalism and thoughtful care of our youngest patients, day and night.

