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GIRFT Hub Optimisation Week - what you need to know

Wirral University Teaching Hospital will be taking part in GIRFT Hub Optimisation Week, a national initiative focused on improving elective care and patient outcomes.

The week will take place from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May, with local evaluation in the weeks that follow.

During the week, surgical hubs across the country will work to deliver their best possible performance by improving flow, reducing delays and making the most of available capacity. This includes aiming to achieve 85% or higher theatre utilisation, in simple terms, making full use of our operating theatre time and keeping downtime between patients to a minimum.

Collectively, this could mean around 1,000 additional procedures delivered nationally, helping to reduce waiting times and improve care for patients.

At WUTH, this includes maximising the use of the Cheshire and Merseyside Surgical Centre at Clatterbridge, which plays a key role in delivering planned care away from the pressures of the acute site.

This is a whole-team effort. While theatres are central, success depends on the wider pathway, including wards, pre-operative teams, pharmacy, porters, scheduling and support services. Everyone has a role to play in helping patients move safely and efficiently through their care.

The focus is simple: working together to keep patients moving, minimise delays and deliver the best possible care.

If you think this may impact your area, please speak to your line manager or contact the team.

