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Positive progress during GIRFT Hub Optimisation Week

Wirral University Teaching Hospital is celebrating strong progress during GIRFT Hub Optimisation Week, a national initiative focused on improving elective care, reducing delays and delivering the best possible outcomes for patients.

Throughout the week, surgical hubs across the country have been working to maximise productivity, improve patient flow and make the best possible use of available capacity.

At WUTH, colleagues across theatres, wards and support services have worked

together to help maximise theatre utilisation and maintain efficient patient pathways through the Cheshire and Merseyside Surgical Centre at Clatterbridge.



We are pleased to share that the Trust achieved 82% theatre utilisation on Day 1 and reached the 85% target on Day 2, reflecting the significant effort taking place across the organisation.

Alongside these operational achievements, patient feedback has also been extremely positive, with many patients praising the care, communication and support they received throughout their surgical journey.

One patient shared: “Extremely well organised, care was excellent, and everything went well. The lady who took me to theatre and staff in the anaesthetist room were exceptional.”

Another said: “Absolute amazing care. I felt very safe. The recovery nurse went above and beyond.”

Patients also praised the kindness and professionalism of staff, describing teams as “fantastic, caring and easy to talk to” and “super efficient”.

These achievements reflect the dedication and teamwork shown across surgery, pharmacy, diagnostics, DHT and wider support services, all working together to improve patient experience and reduce waiting times.

Thank you to everyone involved for your continued hard work and commitment throughout the week.