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with Steve Gregory, Director of Nursing and Operations

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I am sure it is purely coincidental, but Monday was the International Day of Happiness and also "Go Live" for our Electronic Patient Record (EPR). Well done to all those who have ensured that the EPR Go Live did happen and it certainly did make people happy (or at least relieved).

Making sure we can evidence what we do is important, especially if we want to show positive outcomes. Alison Trumper (Associate Director of Quality) and the Ward Managers have been working on a new Quality Assurance Accreditation System (QAAS), which they presented to us at this week's Community Trust Leadership Group in Bishop's Castle (pictured). It sounds like more management speak, but what was really pleasing is that it is owned by the team. It will be great to see the first team to gain this honour.

I travel a great deal in my normal working week so spend quite a bit of time listening to the radio. It goes like this – 7am to 8am is Radio 4, and 8am to 8.30am and 6pm to 7pm is Radio 5 (other radio stations are available). When you listen to the news it provides a different perspective on how good or bad things are. Our reality is often shaped by what is happening close to us. When you hear about the terrible things that happen it reminds you of how people do pull together when the situations are tough. Equally important is taking care of yourself. How can you really look after others if you don't care for yourself?

"Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness"

Edward Stanley

On Friday, some colleagues were interviewing prospective apprentices. One of those waiting (not too nervously) to be interviewed talked about the real opportunity to strengthen their career prospects. The added value of supporting apprentices and the insight and impact they can give cannot be underestimated.

Spring has sprung and this weekend the clocks go forward. Hopefully there is more blue sky about and things start to blossom and hopefully we can experience the beauty of the world we live in.

Take care and look after yourself and those that are close to you.

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