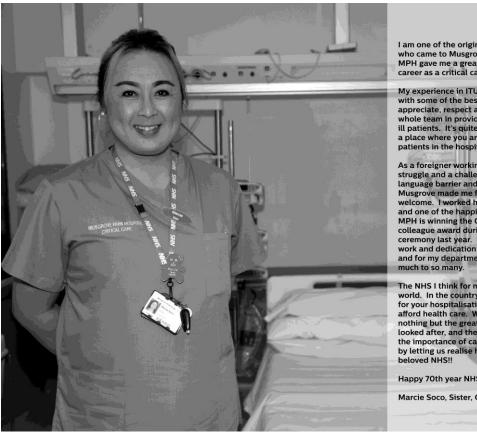


Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the NHS – An exhibition created by Art for Life

This year, 2018, sees the NHS turn 70. Art for Life, Musgrove Park Hospital's art and design programme was keen to reflect this event in its programme, celebrating our staff and colleagues at Musgrove Park Hospital and Somerset Partnership. We have involved staff and colleagues from many areas of the organisations, reflecting the rich breadth and diversity of staff, working in both clinical and non-clinical roles.

With the help of Kelly James and Donna Berridge from our Medical Photography team here at Musgrove who took the black and white photographs of staff and colleagues, we asked people for their stories about their roles and jobs within the NHS and their thoughts about the Service as it turns 70. What you will find as you look at this exhibition is an extraordinary testament to the dedication and commitment of our staff at Musgrove Park Hospital and Somerset Partnership. We hope you will enjoy reading their stories and reflections.



I am one of the original batch of Filipino nurses who came to Musgrove almost 18 years ago and MPH gave me a great start of my blossoming career as a critical care nurse.

My experience in ITU/HDU enabled me to work with some of the best staff. I learned to appreciate, respect and value the efforts of the whole team in providing the best care to critically ill patients. It's quite scary and daunting to work in a place where you are dealing with the sickest patients in the hospital.

As a foreigner working in this country it was quite a struggle and a challenge when it comes to the language barrier and culture but the staff in Musgrove made me feel at ease and feel very welcome. I worked hard to get where I am now and one of the happiest moments in my life in MPH is winning the Outstanding International colleague award during the MAFTAs award ceremony last year. It was a testament of my hard work and dedication and it's a great honour for me and for my department I am representing. I owe so

The NHS I think for me is one of the best in the world. In the country I came from you have to pay for your hospitalisation and most people can't afford health care. Working in the NHS gave me nothing but the greatest assurance that I will be looked after, and the NHS is making me aware of the importance of care and global compassion and by letting us realise how lucky we are to have our

Happy 70th year NHS!!...Kudos to you!

Marcie Soco, Sister, Critical Care

Accompanying the photographs and stories in this exhibition is wonderful artwork by artist Lynn Muir. Lynn's figures, which are created from driftwood that she collects close to her studio in Cornwall, were created especially for this exhibition. Each figure holds its own story.

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