

## Hospital patients 'let down'

Hip fracture patients are being "let down" by University Hospital Wishaw.

That's the view of two Wishaw councillors in response to a new report into the quality of care for patients attending with the painful injury.

According to the official audit, produced by NHS Scotland and released last week, Wishaw hospital has the highest percentage of patients forced to fast at least twice in preparation for surgery in Scotland - 30 per cent - after having their initial surgery cancelled.

Wishaw councillor Bob Burgess found the findings of the report "staggering".

He said: "I am deeply concerned to learn of this report. It is unacceptable that Wishaw Hospital performed notably below the national average."

Labour councillor Angela Feeney added: "It is unacceptable that patients' operations are being cancelled. This leads to bed blocking and increased anxiety to the patient."

"The SNP Government is letting down patients of University Hospital Wishaw."

One of the yardsticks of the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit for caring for those with the injury suggests no patients should be repeatedly fasted in preparation for surgery, as this results in limited oral intake over a number of days.

The report stated: "This should be avoided with careful and realistic planning of theatre lists and ensuring adequate theatre capacity."

The findings were based on the 454 patients at the hospital audited from January to December 2017.

Stephen Peebles, University Hospital Wishaw deputy director of hospital services, said: "We engage fully and contribute to the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit in order to improve the services for patients. We take the report findings seriously and have already implemented monthly hip fracture audit meetings to ensure focus and improvement across the standards."

"We will continue to ensure that the areas of strength are maintained and where any areas for improvement are identified these will be acted upon. While the report provides an annual review, the orthopaedic service continues to review the data on a monthly basis and can already report considerable improvements at University Hospital Wishaw."

"With regards to the percentage of patients who had a comprehensive geriatric assessment within three days of admission; the 2017 data shows performance at 50 per cent. This has increased to 93 per cent in both May and June 2018."

"The hospital was recognised at the national Scottish Hip Audit meeting as the most improved hospital in Scotland."

"While this recognises some of the improvements we have made, we appreciate the need to continue to improve standards for the benefit of our patients."

## NEW SEASON



**Inner Wheel spotlight** Pearl Arthur with Marjorie McGeary

# Togetherness and making a difference



**Honour** Dorothy Arthur receiving her 40-year service certificate from Marjorie McGeary. Below: Anniversary bash



## Inner Wheel offers something special

**Ben Ramage**

**Lanarkshire ladies are keeping the wheel turning ahead of their return to business next month.**

The Inner Wheel Club of Motherwell and Wishaw's past president Marjorie McGeary has just passed over the reins to new incumbent Pearl Arthur.

And after their summer break, they are both looking forward to the club beginning their monthly meetings again on September 4.

Marjorie, a member for 25 years, is hoping to spread the word of the good work the group does at home and abroad.

She said: "One of our groups mottos is 'make friends and make a difference'."

"The aim of Inner Wheel is to promote true friendship and encourage ideas of personal service and giving back to the community."

"The Motherwell and Wishaw group has been in operation since 1948, and over that time has raised thousands and thousands of pounds for local and international charities."

As well as hosting coffee

mornings and fundraising events for charities based in Wishaw and Lanarkshire, the group also organise social events and at their monthly meetings have a range of interesting guest speakers.

Marjorie, from Law, has also recently returned from Melbourne where she attended the International Inner Wheel convention.

She added: "The convention in Melbourne was incredible. It was amazing to see how big Inner Wheel is around the world with groups from so many different countries attending."

"We are always looking for new ladies to join and there is absolutely no age limit on who can join."

"We would love to have some young girls join up who can come and help us support the community."

"I've been a member for 25 years and absolutely loved every minute of it."

"This is a chance to be a part of something really special and I can't recommend it enough."

For more information on joining the Motherwell and Wishaw group, contact current president Pearl through the club's website - [www.innerwheeldistrict2.org.uk/index.php/clubs/motherwell-wishaw](http://www.innerwheeldistrict2.org.uk/index.php/clubs/motherwell-wishaw)



## Wheel history

**The Inner Wheel was founded by Margarett Golding in 1924, a nurse, business woman and the wife of a Manchester Rotarian.**

**Before 1989, Rotary International generally prohibited women as members and as such another organisation was established for the wives and daughters of Rotarians.**

**Since 1990, women no longer had to have a connection to the Rotary Club to join the Inner Wheel.**

**The club is now one of the largest women's voluntary service organisations in the world.**

**There are currently more than 100,000 members in 104 countries and geographical locations.**

**There are 17,000 members in Britain alone, with 650 clubs in the UK.**