

Evelina London nurse Trish retiring after 38 years



Today we want to send a special farewell and good luck to outreach nurse Patricia Kenney as she looks forward to her retirement.

Trish has supported so many ECHO heart families throughout her 43 working in the NHS, 38 of which was spent at the Evelina London.

She has been instrumental in developing the role of Cardiac Nurse Specialist (CNS) and in particular she helped to develop the Rapid Access Service which is hugely successful, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the families she has supported.

ECHO heart families shared their messages of thanks and support

Thank you, Trish for all you have done for Zoe over the last 10 years! You will be missed!! Enjoy your well earned retirement! Xx

Only 4.5yrs into our journey. You've contacted people for us and helped us with questions, been so patient with Abi and her quirky ways and tricky behaviours. Thank you so much, You'll be greatly missed. Happy Retirement from another grateful heart family x

I remember Trish was the first person I spoke to from the Evelina. She called me when I was feeling lost and anxious. Her calm demeanour made me feel much better!

Thank you Trish for all your help and advice with Isaac over the years. Always so calm and kind, and always remember us even though we don't see you often! Enjoy your retirement, you will be missed!! All the very best from The Frier's xx

 Thank You Trish! 

Thanks Trish for always finding answers for this stressed out mummy. Our move to Ireland went smoothly because you helped so much, Ethan has settled here really well. Enjoy your retirement and thank you. Xxxx

Dear Trish, we are so sad to see you leave but so pleased we got to know you. I shall always remember the first time you came to see Jess and I. It was such an uncertain and scary time but a bond was made that day. Your support has been hugely appreciated over the last 10 years, especially during the long and worrying times we've spent at the Evelina. We shall really miss you but ever thankful for all you have done for us. Sending lots of love and wishing you the very best with your retirement.

Thank you Trish always for your help and advice when I had concerns or worried about my daughter Emilia's condition, always friendly, you will be missed. Xx

Trish, you looked after James for a very long time, from the time we met you and the student went off to try and find a Baby Hook in the store room!!!! That baby Hook is now 21years old!! Thank you for all your care for him and us over the years. You are an amazing Nurse and we will always remember you. Have a fantastic retirement, lots of love Family Hook xx

Oh Trish! You saw Tyler 1st.. one of the cardiac and PICU regulars. Can you believe he's 10 this April? Can't believe you actually retiring?! Well earned. Thank u again. Much love, the Richardson family xx

Thank you for being a calm and reassuring voice at the end of the phone for me on a number of occasions and for ensuring we are so well supported through our journey. Happy retirement! X

Thank you for all your support Trish. You will be missed. x

Happy Retirement Trish, you have made a lasting memory on our family for always being knowledgeable and supportive in either our visits from Wakefield, West Yorkshire or my anxious phone calls to you. Thank you from all of us, enjoy your you time now xx

Nearly 7 years ago now. You was the most helpful person I was able to talk to for support after diagnosis of my daughter Eleanor having a large VSD. Such a god send after lack of support/knowledge at my local hospital and health visitor. You are one in a million. Enjoy your very well deserved retirement. x



ECHO's Chief Executive, Samantha Johnson said:

Trish's dedication to nursing and to providing care to heart families is an inspiration, and on behalf of all of us at ECHO we want to thank Trish for her hard work, care and the difference she has made to the lives of children, young people and their families. We wish her all the best with her retirement, she will be dearly missed but not forgotten by her colleagues and those she has cared for. Thank you Trish!

We are delighted to announce that Trish will be one of next month's [ECHO Excellence Award](#) winners - these awards are nominated by families and colleagues to recognise staff across the Evelina London network hospitals who go above and beyond to provide care for heart families.

Is there a staff member you want to thank?

Nominate them for an ECHO Excellence Award - the monthly awards led by ECHO in partnership with the Evelina Cardiology team recognise any member of cardiac staff who you think deserves a special recognition and celebration - get nominating today!