



May 2nd, 2014

## Hospital leads the way in thrombosis prevention

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust has retained its status as an Exemplar Centre, providing national leadership in the prevention of thrombosis.

The Trust has been at the forefront in this field for over a decade, introducing standardised, preventative measures many years before this became a national mandatory requirement in 2010.

In 2008, it was one of an initial group of six Trusts to be nationally recognised as a centre of excellence with the award of Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) - the medical term for a blood clot - Exemplar status. That status has now been revalidated by the National VTE Prevention Programme.

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert said: "Our work in this area has already greatly improved outcomes for inpatients at South Tyneside District Hospital by reducing the incidence of potentially life-threatening thrombosis. We are absolutely delighted that, following a revalidation process, we have been shown to be achieving the standards expected of those in a leadership role in relation to delivering high quality VTE prevention.

"It is a tribute to our staff and, in particular, our VTE nurse specialist Shelley Quantrill, who is totally committed to involvement in the National VTE Prevention Programme. We look forward to continuing to support other organisations to learn and improve patient safety."

As part of National Thrombosis Week, Ms Quantrill will be promoting prevention and awareness of the condition with an information stand in South Tyneside District Hospital on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and 8th.

ends

*Pictured above: The photograph shows nurse specialist Shelley Quantrill with a National Thrombosis Week poster.*

Issued on behalf of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust by Kay Jordan

For press enquiries on this release, contact 0191 404 1128 or email [kay.jordan@stft.nhs.uk](mailto:kay.jordan@stft.nhs.uk)