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## Nurses in a league of their own

Nurses past and present are invited to join South Tyneside District Hospital's Nurses' League.

The group was established almost 60 years ago, in 1957, to encourage a high standard of care, to promote the profession and to offer opportunities for socialising. It currently has about 150 members - some living as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA and Nigeria.

Secretary and Treasurer Doreen McAllister, of Cleadon Village, was one of the founding members. She worked at the hospital for 43 years, starting as a nursing cadet and later becoming a sister at the age of 22. At one stage, she was in charge of Outpatients. She said: "It was hard work and it was very disciplined but I enjoyed every moment of it and I am very proud to still be associated with the hospital."

Dr Bob Brown, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Executive Director, Nursing and Patient Safety, said: "The Nurses' League is a fantastic organisation, which brings together our nurses who have provided care to generations of people in South Tyneside in the spirit of celebrating their profession. I am delighted that it is still going strong today."

The League organises several social events a year, including a reunion, and distributes a newsletter. New members – both retired nurses and those still serving – are welcome to join. For more information, email [doreenmac99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenmac99@yahoo.co.uk)  
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*Pictured above: Doreen McAllister, secretary and treasurer of the Nurses' League, pictured far right in the first row standing, at the then South Shields General Hospital's nurses' prizegiving in 1957 when she won the award for Nurse of the Year*

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