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**South Tyneside hosts first ever nursing and midwifery recruitment event with City Hospitals Sunderland.**

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust is boosting its nurse and midwife workforce by holding its first nursing and midwifery recruitment open event in partnership with City Hospitals Sunderland.

The Trust is looking to attract newly-qualified and registered nurses and midwives who want to develop a career within South Tyneside and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts.

***The open event will take place on Wednesday 23 May between 2-5pm in Alexander's restaurant at South Tyneside District Hospital.***

Nurses and midwives from the Trust will be there to give general information about the roles available at South Tyneside and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts, as well as to talk about how nurses and midwives are supported and developed throughout their career.

Both Trusts already work with local universities to ensure a seamless transition for student nurses and midwives joining the team. They also offer a preceptorship programme which matches newly-qualified nurses and midwives with experienced colleagues who can guide and mentor them through their initial months.

The Trusts recently went out to the Philippines in a bid to attract more Filipino nurses to work across both Trusts. The trip was a success with up to 50 new nurses due to start at both Trusts in next few months.

Andrea Stubbs, Head of Nursing Workforce and Role Development at City Hospitals Sunderland and South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trusts, said: "Our nurse and midwife recruitment open days are generally very popular and a great opportunity for those with an interest in working for the Trusts to come and speak to existing members of staff. We have lots of opportunities for newly-qualified and registered

nurses and midwives and everyone is welcome to just come along and find out more.

“Our teams of nurses and midwives in South Tyneside and Sunderland do a truly inspirational job every single day for our patients and we want to do everything we can to encourage more people into the profession and show them what a rewarding career that they can have. Our recent trip to the Philippines was a great success, but we are also very passionate about growing our own local workforce right here in the North East and have a very strong partnership with the University of Sunderland which is helping us to support our nurses and midwives of the future and ensure our patient care continues to be outstanding and innovative for years to come.”

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