

Our Chief Executive makes Skills Pledge to staff

ON January 28 the Trust's Chief Executive, Dr Mark Newbold, signed a "Skills Pledge" to support all of the Trust's employees who want to develop basic skills.

The Skills Pledge is a Government initiative designed to ensure that anyone who wants to improve their literacy, numeracy, and general education up to GCSE level has the opportunity to do so in line with the needs of the organisation they work for.

Employers like Kettering General Hospital make the pledge to encourage and support its employees to gain relevant skills and qualifications up to level 2 – the equivalent of 5 good GCSEs.

Kettering General Hospital's Chief Executive, Dr Mark Newbold, said: "I am very pleased to sign up to this.

"It confirms our commitment to developing all of our staff towards reaching their potential, and ultimately helps us to deliver better care to patients."

The Skills Pledge has 3 main aims;

- To support employees to gain the skills and qualifications that will help them throughout their career
- To help them develop basic literacy and numeracy skills
- To increase the overall performance of the organisation through valuable training and development.

The Skills Pledge is part of the Government's initiative to improve the skills of the workforce across Britain to improve productivity and meet the needs of the competitive international market place.

Social Care Minister Phil Hope MP (Corby) said: "I am delighted that Kettering General Hospital is signing the "Skills Pledge" today encouraging and supporting their staff to take up learning at work.

"Kettering General Hospital's commitment to this training will allow every member of the workforce to gain qualifications up to the equivalent of 5 GCSEs, and it will develop their skills giving them the chance to reach their full potential.

"Well trained staff will mean that the hospital will be able provide an even better level of service and care to their patients."

