

Patient opinions about the “#Theatre Cap Challenge” being implemented at QEHB

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Executive Summary

129 patients were surveyed about the introduction of names and roles on theatre hats. The patients are extremely supportive of this initiative believing it to be a good idea that will make them feel safe and re-assured during their peri-operative experience.

Summary:

Our patient group is extremely supportive of this initiative.

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Appendix – all patient quotes

- *As an older person who can't remember names and feels embarrassed about this it would help me and lots like me, thank you.*
- *Magic!*
- *A definite yes as you could recognise trained nurses from healthcare porters and anyone else who wears scrubs around the hospital.*
- *It's a very good idea.*
- *A great idea, would make patients feel safe and know who they were talking to.*
- *Very good idea.*
- *I think this is a good idea.*
- *It is easier to see the name on a hat than on a badge as badges are not always visible, a hat is eye level*
- *A good idea. Personally it wouldn't help me as I have sight impairment*
- *Would you know you are you if you are under general anaesthetic?*
- *Nurses usually introduce themselves when they meet you and have some tags anyway but it wouldn't do any harm having names on hats and it may stand out more.*
- *A bit of a buzz for those who have worked towards higher roles/reward, also may encourage more junior doctors to aspire.*
- *Different colour uniforms are confusing, love this idea!!*
- *I think that this would be a good idea as you can identify people who are dealing with you and I think that it makes a more reassuring experience for some people who are afraid of procedures.*
- *I think it is a fabulous idea as when the staff introduce themselves you often forget, it's nice to be able to use people's names it makes you feel less nervous.*
- *I think this is a great idea.*
- *Very helpful doing a good job thank you.*
- *Make it easier to relate to who is treating you.*
- *Don't feel particularly strongly about this, but don't disagree with the proposal.*
- *Makes it easier than looking at badges. Help you remember who is looking after you.*
- *However if this will increase costs greatly then I would prefer it not to happen.*
- *Not keen on this idea, I think the name badges do their job and should be more prominent. Theatre hats seem more like branding. The alternative might be to just list the role not the name.*
- *This would be unnecessary cost to NHS.*
- *Good idea as long as it is no cost. Do we actually see theatre staff usually too sleepy.*