

## Local MPs visit hospital children's wards

Local MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart pledged to support Leo's Appeal this week, after visiting the children's wards at Milton Keynes Hospital.

On Friday November 2 both MPs spent time on the hospital's children's wards, accompanied by Chief Executive Joe Harrison and Senior Sister Denise Campbell.

During their visit, they met with patients, families and staff to see first-hand the excellent and dedicated care provided by staff.

The Milton Keynes MPs also spoke to staff about how fundraising makes an impact on the wards – in particular Leo's Appeal, the new fundraising appeal for the children's wards launched in September. The appeal is raising funds to enhance the facilities on the wards, benefitting local children and families staying at the hospital.

After the visit they paid tribute to the hospital's dedicated staff, and pledged to do all they could to support the hospital in the future. Commenting, Iain Stewart MP said: "I was delighted to have this opportunity to visit the children's wards at Milton Keynes Hospital and learn more about Leo's Appeal. I'd like to thank Joe, Denise and all the staff who took the time to show us around. I would encourage as many people as possible to support Leo's Appeal and I look forward to hearing good news from the team."

Mark Lancaster MP said: "Talking to families here it's clear that the unit does such a wonderful job. Many parents told me how vital the support provided by the staff here has been to them in such difficult circumstances. It's clear that Leo's Appeal will make a huge difference to children and families in the local area and we are happy to lend support in any way we can."

Senior Sister Denise Campbell, who met with the MPs on the day, was delighted to have their support. She said: "It has been wonderful showing the MPs around the children's wards. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of the MPs, families, our colleagues and members of the public who are helping us further enhance our services for local children through Leo's Appeal."

If you would like to support Leo's Appeal contact Fundraising Manager Vanessa Holmes on 01908 826690 or email [fundraising@mkhospital.nhs.uk](mailto:fundraising@mkhospital.nhs.uk).