

The Lady Mary Ward re-opens thanks to ACT

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As part of the refurbishment of the Rosie Hospital, the re-opening of the new post-natal ward took place on 20th November – exactly one year after the Daphne ward underwent the same renovation.

ACT awarded £750,000 towards this project. Stephen Davies, chief executive of ACT, said: “Addenbrooke’s Charitable Trust is delighted to have provided funding for the essential refurbishment of the Lady Mary Ward. Care for babies and their families has always been excellent in the Rosie, and now there are surroundings to meet modern day expectations. We would like to thank all of our supporters for helping to make that happen.”



The ribbon was cut by post natal ward manager, Sonia Sillett: “We’ve been so excited about this day! What an amazing space we now have for women and babies!”

The Lady Mary Ward has hosted post natal mothers and children for the past 27 years and has become increasingly crowded. For the past three months, construction teams have been working to improve facilities and to create more space so that patients have a better experience at this important time in their lives.

Head of Midwifery Services, Anna Shasha said: “We’re absolutely delighted with the results and feel the Lady Mary is now on a par with the wonderful Birth Centre downstairs. Patients

told us they weren't happy, we listened and we've responded."

Women were moved to nearby Christine ward while the £1.2m work programme was going on. Now that Lady Mary Ward has been fully opened, Christine ward has been converted into a specialist unit for sick babies waiting to go home. It will hold 12 beds for babies up to three months old, who are not as sick as the babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, but who still need some extra care before they're able to be discharged.

Senior Clinical Nurse, Nicola Fegan said: "This time last year we were opening the newly renovated Daphne ward for women experiencing problems in early pregnancy or who have gynaecological conditions at all ages. One year later the Lady Mary Ward is re-opened. It's wonderful for us to now be able to offer women excellent facilities across the Rosie."

When the The Lady Mary ward is fully open it will have 27 beds each with a cot and five new side rooms with en suite bathrooms. It will also have a dedicated room for people with physical disabilities and a brand new kitchen area for parents.