

Hospitals say thanks after bumper open day



Nearly 600 visitors arrived at Addenbrooke's,

The Rosie and Royal Papworth hospitals between 9am and 4pm on Saturday, making it the biggest event of its kind since the recruitment campaign was launched 12 months ago.

A total of 28 job hunters were interviewed at CUH, 19 walked off with conditional job offers, and 100 more will be contacted with information after expressing an interest in working for the Trust.

More than 120 people joined tours around Addenbrooke's and the Rosie to see key clinical areas, such as A&E and theatres, and families joined in with activities like plastering 'broken' bones, bandaging teddies, learning life-saving techniques, and gowning up in theatres.

One visitor commented: "Everyone was so friendly and professional. I was offered an interview on the day. I found out I was successful afterwards so now I am looking forward to joining the CUH team and I am very happy indeed."

CUH Chief Nurse, Lorraine Szeremeta, added: "We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along, either to find out more about their hospital, or to explore what it is like working here. I also want to thank the staff who did such a great job of looking after visitors, and the media for taking an interest."

At Royal Papworth, there was the chance to

explore opportunities in nursing, healthcare support work and the allied health professions. Interviews also took place and 28 conditional job offers were made on the day.

For many visitors it was a first opportunity to take a look inside the state-of-the-art heart and lung hospital, which opened in April after relocating from Papworth Everard where it had been since 1918.

Royal Papworth Deputy Chief Nurse, Ivan Graham, said: "We had a fantastic day on Saturday as we welcomed lots of people to our brand new hospital to learn about a career in

healthcare. A number of our staff and departments were on hand to talk about the various roles which we had available and were able to explain how rewarding their jobs were. At the end of the day we were able to offer roles to 28 people which was great and we look forward to welcoming them to the team.”

Anyone who wants to learn more should visit the hospitals’ career pages at www.careers.cuh.nhs.uk and www.royalpapworth.nhs.uk/working-us.