

Wirral Hospice St John's

Dr Jean Quinn



We are deeply saddened to mark the passing of Dr Jean Quinn, whose life was defined by her unwavering commitment to medicine, education, and public service across Wirral, and beyond.

Our sincerest thoughts are with Jean's family who have lost their mum and grandmother.

Jean was a wonderful woman who contributed in a remarkable way to health and social care during her career, as well as driving forward local government agendas for the good of our community.

Jean played a pivotal role as one of our very own hospice doctors in the early days and has dedicated decades to good hospice care and good governance of hospice care in her later years - making a truly remarkable difference to the lives of so many people.

Graduating from the University of Liverpool School of Medicine, Jean's early career was as an anaesthetist before going on to dedicate 25 years to General Practice. Jean built a reputation as a compassionate and highly respected GP. In recognition of her outstanding contribution to primary care, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, an honour bestowed following nomination by her peers.

Passionate about nurturing the next generation of clinicians, Jean later returned to the School of Medicine as a teacher. She played a crucial role in expanding opportunities for medical students, developing a strategy to increase undergraduate placement capacity and successfully securing a Department of Health grant to establish a Cheshire and Merseyside Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT). Her work brought together all 15 PCT Chief Executives in a shared commitment to education and training.

Following her retirement from clinical practice, Jean continued her remarkable service to the community. She served as a Councillor and Cabinet Member on Wirral Borough Council, contributed as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH), and most recently gave her time and expertise as Deputy Chair of Trustees at Wirral Hospice St John's. In every role, she demonstrated dedication, integrity, and a deep care for the wellbeing of others.

Jean often reflected on her early experiences in medicine as formative and inspiring: her time at university instilled in her a love of medicine and people, a commitment to lifelong learning and the confidence to pursue a fulfilling and impactful career. These values defined her professional and personal life.



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Jean was profoundly dedicated to her family. Marrying during her studies, Jean was supported throughout her career by her husband, Nick, and her loved ones. She leaves behind her five children - Robert, Sarah, Emma, Andrew, and Paul - and six grandchildren - David, Alex, Freddie, Ava, Ella, and Poppy - with whom she found great joy in her later years.

Jean's lifetime of service to the NHS and her local communities was recognised through nominations, including one from her daughter, Emma, highlighting the lasting impact she made both professionally and personally.

Dr Jean Quinn will be remembered as a devoted doctor, mentor, public servant, and family woman. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched - as patients, colleagues, students, and friends.

Jean will be greatly missed by all of us professionally and personally, a very dear friend has been lost.



Photo from Wirral Hospice St John's summer fair 2023

Left to right: Jenny Porter (trustee), Dr Jean Quinn, Helen Brown (chief executive),
Mr Mark Blundell CVO (then Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside),
Dr Hilary Leggat (trustee), Julie Wynne (trustee), and Dr Roger Platt (trustee)



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