



Western Health and Social Care Trust

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High Quality Renal Services

The Western Health and Social Care Trust's renal services at the Tyrone County and Altnagelvin Hospitals have performed extremely well according to the latest renal registry report. The Renal Registry reviews area comparative data from all 67 renal units in the United Kingdom. The report highlights the very high standard of service delivered by the Western Trust's two units which are provided at the Tyrone County and Altnagelvin Hospitals.

Commenting on the figures, the Western Trust's, Quality Project Co-ordinator, Linda Stewart stressed the contribution of the multidisciplinary team saying: "Obviously, the high standard of our results is facilitated by our ISO accreditation – unique for a National Health Service dialysis unit."

She added: "But what really counts is the commitment of all members of the team to providing a high quality service."

The figures show that one or other aspect of the service has returned the best results in the whole of the UK for phosphate control, quality of dialysis delivery, control of blood pressure and 12 month survival.

Emphasizing a commitment to quality improvement, the Western Trust has recently invested in the installation of 30 new Gambro AK200 machines in the TCH dialysis unit, replacing older stock.

The Western Trust's, Unit Manager, Sister Joyce Leary praised the commitment of her staff to commissioning the new machinery. She commented: "The nurses, with the support of our clinical technologists, have already mastered the basic operation of the machines. They are now learning the more advanced additional applications available in order to improve the safety, quality and comfort of treatment."

Dr Peter Garrett, the Western Trust's Lead Clinician for Metabolic Medicine, welcomed the initiative. He said: "We are obviously delighted with the figures in the report as well as the Western Trust's support, illustrated by this investment. This now affords us the opportunity to develop an even better service."

The full Report can be viewed at <http://www.renalreg.com/reports/renal-registry-reports/2007/>

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