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PRESS RELEASE

Trauma and Orthopaedic consultant nurse awarded doctorate

A consultant nurse at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded her doctorate from the University of the West of England.

Dr Gail Parsons, who works in the Trauma and Orthopaedics Department, received her doctorate for her studies into how patients manage their pain while preparing for hip and knee replacement surgery.

Gail, who joined the Trust in 1979 as an orthopaedic nurse, was formally awarded her doctorate at a graduation ceremony at Bristol Cathedral this week.

“I feel elated and really proud that I’ve been able to make a real difference to our T&O patients,” said Dr Parsons.

“There’s a huge sense of personal satisfaction in completing a large piece of work,” she added, “and it makes me especially happy to know the team who took part in the study can share the achievement with me.”

As part of her PhD studies, Dr Parsons set up the hip and knee clinic at Guest Hospital in 2009 to promote self management of symptoms.

The clinic, renamed the Joint School in July this year, is now accessible to all patients waiting for hip and knee surgery.

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