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PRESS RELEASE

New tech helping patients live longer

State-of-the-art dialysis machines at Russells Hall Hospital are helping to give patients a better quality of life.

The hospital, part of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, was the first in the UK to offer Mixed HDF dialysis for patients – recognised as the most advanced treatment which greatly improves the life expectancy of dialysis patients.

The renal unit also uses leading-edge technology for patients with chronic kidney failure which significantly reduces time spent in hospital.

Karen Kelly, chief operating officer for the Trust, said: “We are really proud of our renal unit with its ever-improving services and state-of-the-art technology. This all helps to improve patient care and quality of life.”

The Trust has also refurbished its two satellite units, in Kidderminster and Tipton. Each now offers ‘hotel style’ private treatment rooms with Freeview TVs and refreshments. The Tipton unit was awarded a Bronze Award for Clinical Excellence 2018 by Fresenius Medical Care.

For people who are suitable for home dialysis, the renal unit provides equipment and patient training.

CAPTIONS: Alison Webb receives dialysis at Russells Hall Hospital.

Chief renal technician Wesley Nicholls with a state-of-the-art dialysis machine.

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