

PRESS RELEASE

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Trust presented with ‘thank you’ painting by Territorial Army staff

Image: TA painting

PIC – Chief Executive Paula Clark (left) is presented with the painting by Linda Geddes (middle) and Jane Bradbury (right) who both served in Afghanistan.

A painting depicting the bravery and heroism of the British Army has been presented to The Dudley Group of Hospitals as a thank you for allowing two members of staff to serve in Afghanistan.

Pharmacist Linda Geddes and Jane Bradbury, a sister in the Critical Care Unit, presented the painting to Chief Executive Paula Clark on behalf of their Commanding Officer.

The painting depicts soldiers rescuing an injured comrade from the battlefield and has been given pride of place in a display cabinet on the ground floor at Russells Hall Hospital.

Linda and Jane, who served in the Territorial Army 202 Field Hospital unit, both spent four months working at Camp Bastion, in Helmand province, in 2009.

During their tour of duty, Linda worked in the pharmacy, while Jane worked in the intensive care and emergency departments.

Jane said it had been a very challenging, but interesting, four months.

“It was very challenging, both emotionally and physically, but the comradeship and support you receive from the military family keeps you going,” she said.

Paula paid tribute to Linda and Jane for their bravery and much valued service and said the painting would be hung with pride at the hospital.

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