

Shine a light – International Nurses Day 2020

Every year on the 12 May we mark International Nurses Day the birthday of Florence Nightingale. As you know this year big celebratory plans were afoot to mark the bicentennial year of Florence Nightingale's birth with the WHO designating 2020 the Year of the Nurse and Midwife. Whilst we have had to put local plans on hold for the moment I would like to hope that despite the current situation some celebratory plans may be able to happen in some form by the end of the year. In the meantime in honour of the special day a number of local landmarks will be **shining a light** for nurses and will be [lit in blue tonight](#):

- Ipswich Town Hall
- Ipswich and Colchester hospitals
- Clacton Town Hall
- Colchester Castle
- Colchester Town Hall
- Clacton Pier
- Bury Cathedral – lighting up blue on the inside of the cathedral
- Abbeygate, Bury St Edmunds
- The Apex, Bury St Edmunds
- ABP Customs House in Ipswich



In addition musical artists have come together for a surprise performance for nurses which can be viewed on [YouTube](#), artists include James Blunt, Jess Glynne, Clean Bandit, Zara Larsson, Imelda May, Jack Savoretti and Elderbrook.



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On 12th May it's International Nurses Day. A host of artists have put together a surprise performance which will be posted online for your nurses to enjoy during their breaks, through their own device or where possible on screens in communal areas.

Here's how to access it...

- The performance will be published to YouTube and a link will be distributed on Monday 11th to all Trusts by NHS England for you to share with nurses.
- Confirmed artists are James Blunt, Mel C, Jess Glynne, Anne-Marie, Clean Bandit, Zara Larsson, Imelda May, Jack Savoretti and Elderbrook who will each perform a track with a message of appreciation to all nurses. The performance will be hosted by Laura Whitmore.
- Although the surprise performance will be accessible from the personal devices of nurses you're welcome to download the performance or stream it through available TV and computer screens including use of your intranet. Your IT departments are likely to know how to do this but a few suggestions are as follows:
- Where possible we recommend positioning any smart TVs in communal areas where nurses may be having a break. Smart TVs should already have the YouTube app installed.
- If you don't have Smart TV's you can connect your TV to a laptop using an HDMI cable through which you can access the internet and YouTube.
- We would recommend a wired Ethernet connection rather than WiFi where possible.

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The Line Up...

James Blunt
Mel C
Jess Glynne
Anne-Marie
Clean Bandit
Zara Larsson
Jack Savoretti
Imelda May
Elderbrook

The Presenters...

Laura Whitmore

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKSIAfeJIBc>

So as we sit and listen to the musical tribute take a moment to reflect on what it means to each of us to be a nurse, feel the connection in the nursing community and in the amazing things we do each day. Coronavirus is teaching us the value of some many things, not least the recognition of the nursing profession.

Take good care and let's look forward to some celebrations before the year is out.

Couple of resources shared from last week's virtual forum.

<https://www.fsrh.org/fsrh-and-covid-19-resources-and-information-for-srh/>

<https://www.mims.co.uk/drug-shortages-live-tracker/article/1581516>