

About Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT)

CHFT employ almost 7,000 staff who deliver compassionate care from our two main hospitals, Calderdale Royal Hospital and Huddersfield Royal Infirmary as well as in community sites, health centres and in patients' homes.

They provide a range of services including urgent and emergency care; medical; surgical; maternity; gynaecology; critical care; children's and young people's services; end of life care and outpatient and diagnostic imaging services.

They also provide community health services in Calderdale from Calderdale Royal and local health centres. These include Todmorden Health Centre, Dean Clough Mills, and Broad Street Plaza.

In a typical day, CHFT see over 500 people in A&E, perform nearly 1,500 diagnostic scans, care for around 700 inpatients and 2,000 outpatients, and perform 70 surgeries.

About Alison Lord:



Alison is an experienced Radiographer at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust. She often runs clinics using the Philips Ambient Experience with children and young people, making them comfortable prior to their scan to make sure children leave the department as happy as they arrived.

“Philips and Disney are helping create a calm and relaxing atmosphere for children undergoing scans, which supports really positive outcomes. When a child comes in, they like being able to choose their own Disney character, which helps them feel more in control during what can be quite a frightening experience. Using the Philips Ambient Experience helps us achieve successful scans without the need for other interventions. When I’m speaking with parents before the scan, they’re really keen to try this and our general anesthetic waiting list has come right down.”

Chair: Helen Hirst
Chief Executive: Rob Aitchison

