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## Lister's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary – call for memorabilia

**With the Lister celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 22 November 2012, Trust calls on local people for their memorabilia of the hospitals opening by The Queen Mother in 1972**

*Stevenage, UK – 31 October 2012* – It was on Wednesday, 22 November 1972 that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother came to Stevenage to open the town's new hospital – the Lister. Built at a cost of some £6.5 million, the Lister was built to serve the communities of Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth and Baldock, which in 1971 had a combined population of 184,000. The services moved to the new hospital came from the former Lister and North Herts hospitals in Hitchin.

Forty years later and the Lister is preparing to mark this major anniversary, with the team behind the celebrations calling out to former staff and local people to share with them their memories, photos and other memorabilia from the time.

The Trust's chief executive, Nick Carver, said:

“In preparing for the Lister's fortieth, we found that whilst we had quite a lot of information about the The Queen Mother's visit, there were also many gaps. We would welcome local people, including former staff, to think about sending us any images they may have, written stories of their experience or other memorabilia for adding to our archives. With some £150 million being spent now on transforming the Lister for the future, the time is now right to make sure that we document the hospital's origins!”

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### **Notes to editors:**

- People wishing to donate their memorabilia and/or photographs from the Lister's official opening on 22 November 1972 should send them to:

The Public Affairs Team  
Lister Hospital (L69)  
East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust  
Coreys Mill Lane  
Stevenage  
Hertfordshire  
SG1 4AB

- Ideally people will elect to donate their memorabilia to the Trust's archives, but if they wish it returned they should include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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