



**South London  
Cardiac and Stroke Network**

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**South London Cardiac and Stroke Network supports the British Heart Foundation**

Staff members at the South London Cardiac and Stroke Network have helped to save lives in February - National Heart Month - by raising money to support the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) Red for Heart campaign.

The team held a Jeans Day fundraiser in support of the great work by the BHF. Staff members who donated £5 or more were rewarded with permission to wear jeans on a dress-down Friday which coincided with National Wear Red day, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Lucy Grothier, Director of the Network, said: "We were pleased to again support the Red for Heart campaign. Here at the Network, we are all too familiar with the pressing need to address heart and circulatory disease -- the biggest killer in the UK. We support the work of the BHF and understand the value that they bring to research, care and education."

Jackie Skeel, Head of National Campaigns at the British Heart Foundation, said: "Thank you to South London Cardiac and Stroke Network for going Red for Heart. With their support we can continue our vital life saving work and continue the fight against the UK's biggest killer. 2011 is an extra special year for the BHF as it's our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, so there's never been a better time to join the celebrations and get involved."

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For more information about the South London Cardiac and Stroke Network please see our website, [www.slcsn.nhs.uk](http://www.slcsn.nhs.uk) or contact Andrea Marlow on 020 8812 5953 or [info@slcsn.nhs.uk](mailto:info@slcsn.nhs.uk).

For more information about the Red for Heart campaign please visit [bhf.org.uk/red](http://bhf.org.uk/red), call 0845 241 0979 or email [red@bhf.org.uk](mailto:red@bhf.org.uk).

## Notes to editors

- The South London Cardiac and Stroke Network brings together patients, GPs, commissioners and providers for improved patient outcomes along the entire pathway. Learn more about the work of the Network on our website, [www.slcsn.nhs.uk](http://www.slcsn.nhs.uk).
- Media enquiries may be directed to Andrea Marlow on 020 8812 5953 or [info@slcsn.nhs.uk](mailto:info@slcsn.nhs.uk).
- For more information about the **Red for Heart** campaign, please visit [bhf.org.uk/red](http://bhf.org.uk/red) or contact the Press Office on 020 7554 0164.
- 2011 is the British Heart Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. To celebrate the BHF is launching the Mending Broken Hearts Appeal, one of their most ambitious projects ever. The goal is simple – to fund the research that could begin to literally 'mend broken hearts'. Fifty million pounds are needed to fund research to repair damaged hearts. If the £50 million funding is realised, trials with heart failure patients could begin in as little as five years. Visit [bhf.org.uk/mbh](http://bhf.org.uk/mbh) or call 0844 847 2787 to get involved.