Seacole event so inspirational

I was at the unveiling of the statue of Mary Seacole. The event was inspiring, and no-one could not have been moved by the speeches that were a combination of an historical perspective on her life and the challenges facing our society today.

I would like to pay tribute to Elizabeth Anionwu. Without her grit and determination, this statue would never have been realised. Teams need inspiring leaders, and Elizabeth gave the statue appeal committee that leadership, for which we will be forever appreciative.

Peter Carter OBE

Thank you for your support

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all your readers who supported the Mary Seacole Memorial Statue Appeal over the past 12 years. Nurses and other health workers played a huge part in the fundraising drive. As the charity’s former vice-chair, I have particularly appreciated the role of Nursing Standard as media partner.

Please pay a visit to the gardens of St Thomas’ Hospital to see this stunning work of art by internationally acclaimed sculptor Martin Jennings. I know you will be impressed.

Elizabeth Anionwu @EAnionwu

Austerity is a choice

Our NHS is in a financial crisis, with nine in ten hospitals overspent as a result of years of funding squeezes.

About 78 per cent of EU immigrants of working age in the UK are in jobs (a higher proportion than UK nationals), which means most are paying tax and contributing to the NHS. You are more likely to be cared for by a migrant than to find one queuing for benefits.

Migration is not the cause of the NHS’s problems; austerity is. That is a government choice.

Joan Pons Laplana, Telehealth clinical lead, East Midlands

ON AN AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL TO EXTEND LEGALISED EUTHANASIA

Stop trying to prolong what will only be a painful and undignified death... and yes... if it were legal, I would assist.

Andrew Scott Severin

Totally agree... families shouldn’t have to see loved ones suffer

Chris Curran

I don’t think I could help with ending someone’s life but I absolutely believe, depending on the situation, it should be allowed.

Rachel Attwood

RCN says major nursing shortage ‘could be worsened by the government’s untested gamble with student nurse funding’. Strong words.

#NSComment

@EditorLDPandMHP

I’m pro full loan for maintenance, provided tuition is paid. That allows people to save and study

@GGByrne

Support must be varied & bespoke to help everyone.

@PiroBurgher

Let’s not forget mature students who may already have a degree & student loan – would they take another to become a nurse?

@NewcrossHealth

I am SO glad I decided to go for it this year, if I’d waited I would never have been able to.

@Allymarie123

I’m glad I made the jump. We’ve been lucky. Such as shame for others

@Mcfauld