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CANCER RESEARCH WORK GOES ON SHOW

SOME of the most important research being carried out in Wales in the search for a cure for cancer has gone on show to the public.

An open day staged by the Cancer Research Wales charity in Cardiff attracted scores of visitors – from patients to politicians – who were shown around the research laboratories at Velindre Hospital in Cardiff.

The laboratories and the scientists who work in them are funded by Cancer Research Wales, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Among the politicians taken on the guided tours of the cancer research centre of excellence in Whitchurch were Wales First Minister Rhodri Morgan and Peter Law, MP for Blaenau Gwent, who is a recovering cancer patient himself.

Others included Assembly Ministers Jenny Randerson and Sue Essex, Cardiff Central MP Jenny Willott, Cardiff Lord Mayor Coun Freda Salway, Rhondda Cynon Taf Mayor Coun Emlyn Jenkins and Torfaen Mayor Coun Lyndon Irwin.

Last weekend's open day was the first time the public had been given the chance to see the work going on in the laboratories since the research centre at Velindre was opened five years ago.

Since then the charity has raised more than £3m to help finance the pioneering work being carried out by scientists in Wales searching for cures for prostate, ovarian and many other forms of cancer.

Cancer Research Wales chairman Dr Patrizia Hodge said: "The aim of the open day was to show the vital work being funded by the charity to the wonderful volunteers who are already helping us, and also to those we are hoping will support us in the future.

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“All the money we raise is spent supporting research scientists in Wales and we are very proud of the fact that more than 92p in every £1 we receive goes towards that goal.”

Anyone interested in supporting Cancer Research Wales in any way during its anniversary year should contact fundraising director Maggie Hughes at the charity’s appeals office on Cardiff 029 2031 6976, or 2052 1609.

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Notes for editors

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966 and is the only dedicated cancer research charity in Wales.
- The charity has its headquarters at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff.
- Cancer Research Wales is a separate charity from Velindre Hospital and Cancer Research UK.
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales.
- The money funds scientists and their pioneering cancer research projects around Wales.
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer library in Wales, at Velindre Hospital.
- The charity’s patrons include Huw Edwards and Nigel Walker.
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason.
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone.

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