

## **BONE DENSITOMETRY DEPARTMENT NEWS**

It's that time of year again when I let you know about any changes and news from the Bone Densitometry Department.

Firstly, Val Cowgill has been promoted to lead the scanning service, carrying out the administrative duties as well as undertaking scans. Val is doing a sterling job and puts a lot of effort into ensuring the smooth running of the Dexa Scan Service.

Val has also undertaken the National Osteoporosis National Training Scheme to obtain her Certificate in Dexa Scanning. This has meant her attending lectures off island and also undertaking an examination in London. Val has spent a lot of time producing her portfolio, which is currently being marked.

Val has two Radiographers also taking Dexa Scans, namely Michael and Wendy. A fourth person may soon be trained up to take the scans, as the demand for this service is increasing.

Secondly, it is still in the planning stages but the Dexa Scanner is to be moved into a room in the Radiology Department. We are still waiting for some building work to be carried out but the new room will provide a changing cubicle and better access for wheelchair users.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the Radiology Department took part in "Go Orange for Osteoporosis Day". Val organised the event and many members of staff wore an orange coloured item and donated money to do so. Staff also brought cakes, some home baked, including a orange sponge and a carrot cake. Again donations were made for a piece of cake. The total raised by the team was an excellent £57.00.

May I and the members of the Bone Densitometry Service wish you all the very best for Christmas and 2010

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