Hospital visitors get an artistic view of the capital

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A new series of artworks by local artist Jane Joseph have been installed in Charing Cross Hospital in West London, bringing with them a unique flavour of the capital.

The exhibition Jane Joseph: A View of London is the latest installation organised by Imperial College Healthcare Charity, which raises money for the five hospitals in London of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and manages an art collection of over 1600 works on display for the benefit of patients, the public and hospital staff.

Inspired by the city's landscape, these monochromatic works were mostly created by the West London artist known for her drawings and prints using charcoal and chalk on paper. The works include views of the River Thames from Hammersmith Bridge, Brentford, Kew and of the Lethaby Building in Holborn, which was the previous home of Central St Martins art school. Three works in the exhibition also record the interior of Joseph's studio and include objects such as a plaster cast of the Selene horse from the east pediment of the Parthenon in the British Museum.

Lucy Zacaria, arts manager at Imperial College Healthcare Charity, said: “We're delighted to be working closely with Jane again on this beautiful exhibition. The works on display transport the viewer on a journey along the Thames, offering a very different view to the daily travels experienced by patients and staff at Charing Cross Hospital.”

This is the second exhibition arranged by the charity that has featured Joseph's works. The hugely popular 'Sea, Land and Journeying', was on display at Hammersmith Hospital between September 2014 and March 2015. Jane Joseph's work is held in many public collections including the Ben Uri Gallery, London; Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge; Government Art Collection, London; Ashmolean Museum, Oxford and Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Jane Joseph: A View of London is open for public view and can be found in the main reception area on the ground floor at Charing Cross Hospital until 30 April 2016. More about the charity's art collection can be found on its website: www.imperialcharity.org.uk/art-collections

-Notes to editors-

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