

World HMV Day – 20th May 2026!



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Since the HMV in Partnership (HMViP) Group launched World HMV Day in 2023, the event has helped to raise awareness, share knowledge, improve education amongst clinicians and HMV users, and, most importantly, to support and represent HMV patients, as well as their families and carers.

For **World HMV Day 2026**, we want to enrol the help and support of the HMV Multi-Disciplinary clinical team (MDT). **If you treat and support HMV patients and their carers, we need your help!**

This year we are promoting an awareness campaign called **#2minuteswiththeHMVteam**. We'd like to invite you to share your role on social media by posting a short video clip or sharing written responses to the questions below.

By taking part in World HMV Day, you'll be helping us to raise awareness of the important and positive impact that the HMV MDT can have on people's lives.

We want to:

- i) help patients and carers understand the roles of the healthcare professionals who they may come across in their HMV journey;
- ii) establish a sense of community for those of you who treat and support HMV patients and their carers.

Steps to creating your #2minuteswiththeHMVteam video

The Home Mechanical Ventilation in Partnership would like you, as someone who treats and supports HMV patients, to record a short clip (**max of two minutes**) on your phone.

What we'd like you to tell us:

1. What is your name and where do you work
2. What is your professional background
3. How long have you worked with HMV users?
4. How did you come to specialise/work in this area?
5. *What is your role in supporting HMV users and in what way can you help them?*
6. What do you enjoy most about your job?
7. What is the worst part of your job?
8. What are the biggest challenges you face?
9. Why should other healthcare professionals consider a career specialising in HMV?
10. What do you know now that you wish you'd known 10 years ago?
11. What is your 'top tip'?
12. What would be your desert island luxury?

We'd love to hear from you with either your written answers and/or short film clips, ideally by **1st May** so we can include these on our website <https://hmvip.co.uk/world-hmv-day>.

Who we'd like to hear from:

- Specialist nurses
- Physiotherapists
- Medical consultants
 - Respiratory
 - Critical care
 - Neurology
 - ENT
 - Palliative care
- Physiologists
- Dietitians
- Speech and language therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Community teams
- Healthcare assistants
- Technicians

To share your answers and clips

The Home Mechanical Ventilation in Partnership would like you, as a member of the MDT team supporting HMV patients, to share your answers to as many of the questions above as possible (but at least the first five questions) either as written responses, or to record a short, two-minute clip on your phone to reflect **#2minuteswiththeHMVteam**

The easiest way we have found to share your clip is via WhatsApp (07795 342804) or you can share your written answers with gillian@wychwoodcommunications.com. Gill is the secretariat for HMViP and will be collating all the clips and written answers which we receive.

We'd also ask you to share your clips on your own social media channels - Twitter, Facebook, etc. using the hashtags **#WorldHMVDay**, **#2minuteswiththeHMVteam** and **#Addinglifetoyears**.

Also if you are using Twitter, please tag **@HMViPGroup** and consider joining our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1354156945440480/>.

To download our logo, [please click here](#). Please share this and our hashtags: **#WorldHMVDay**, **#2minuteswiththeHMVteam** and **#addinglifetoyears**.

To follow us on Twitter, please go to [@HMViPGroup](#); visit us on [LinkedIn here](#) or join our Home Mechanical Ventilation [Facebook Group](#)

The objectives of World HMV Day:

- Improving understanding of the benefits which home mechanical ventilation (HMV) can provide to patients with conditions that damage the lungs, such as COPD and conditions that restrict the movement of air in and out of the body, including Obesity, curvature of the spine (also known as kyphoscoliosis), and neuromuscular conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Generating awareness of the resource available to these patients, their families and carers through [the HMViP website](#). These resources include information on the conditions where patients can benefit from ventilation, filmed and written stories of patients and carers sharing their experience of HMV and guidance on living with HMV, from travelling with a ventilator to secretion management.