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## Hospital indie to produce second medical series for BBC2

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Label1 lands eight part ob-doc based in Leeds

The BBC has commissioned Hospital indie Label1 to produce a second medical doc series for BBC2, covering the hot topic of NHS waiting lists.

The 8 x 60-minute **Saving Lives In Leeds** has exclusive access to follow doctors and surgeons at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – one of the biggest NHS Hospital Trusts in the UK - as they battle through the backlog of patients needing treatment.

Featuring in-depth interviews with staff, patients and relatives, the series aims to bring audiences closer to the clinicians and the challenging and emotional decisions they must make to manage one of the longest waiting lists in NHS history.

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Key medical procedures featuring in the programme include a brain tumour operation, cardiac surgery on babies, life-saving liver treatment and a high-risk double hand transplant.

Label1's other BBC2 medical series Hospital, which is set to continue, has run for seven series, plus specials Hospital: Fighting COVID-19 and Hospital: Road to Recovery. The tight-turnaround series has been filmed at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, the Imperial College Healthcare Trust London, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and six Trusts in Liverpool.

Saving Lives in Leeds was ordered by head of docs commissioning Clare Sillery with commissioning editor Emma Loach. It is executive produced by Label1's co-founder Lorraine Charker-Phillips; Anouk Curry (The Secret Life of the Hospital Bed) and Catey Sexton (999: What's Your Emergency?). The Series Editor is Helen White (Nurses on the Ward).

Loach said: "Saving Lives In Leeds will bring us closer than ever before to the clinicians facing difficult dilemmas on a daily basis and show us what they need to overcome before tackling the day job of changing people's lives."



Lorraine Charker-Phillips

Charker-Phillips said the "eye-opening" series comprises "extraordinary, touching and life-affirming stories".

"Filmed across the whole of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, it gives unique insight into the variety of work being done across departments, at a time when decisions around how to tackle the growing backlog have never been more important," she added.

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Chief executive of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Professor Phil Wood said the show “shines a light” on the medical staff and “highlights some of the challenging decisions they make on a day-to-day basis”.

“It’s been a really positive opportunity for us to explain the complexity behind some of the decisions we take when managing waiting lists and highlight that we always have our patients’ best interest at the heart of everything we do,” he added.

The announcement comes shortly after Label1 [co-founder Simon Dickson stepped down](#), with Charker-Phillips taking over full responsibility for the indie, with support from chief operating officer Jo Taylor, while Dickson continues as a consultant executive producer on key projects.

The Fremantle label’s upcoming slate includes [Soldier](#), a six-part series for BBC1. Its other factual shows include [Worlds Collide: The Manchester Bombing](#) (ITV); [Nurses on the Ward](#) (UKTV); [School](#) (BBC2); [Five Dates a Week](#) (Channel 4); [Five Guys A Week](#) (Channel 4); [Class of 2021](#) (Channel 4) and [The Family Brain Games](#) (BBC2).