ASPH Update

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Welcome to the latest update about Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

ASPH endoscopy unit celebrated biodegradable first

The trust's Endoscopy Unit is celebrating being the first team in Surrey to use a biodegradable stent in a patient with a post-surgical bile leak, negating the need for them to return for further surgery to remove the stent.

Until now, patients have had to return for a second Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) procedure to remove the stents, which are small tubes (made of plastic or metal) used to treat blockages in the bile or pancreatic ducts. These are often inserted during an ERCP to relieve symptoms like jaundice and digestive discomfort. Biodegradable stents are made from materials that the body naturally absorbs. **Read more.**



Veteran Aware reaccreditation and VE Day celebrations

The trust is celebrating the successful reaccreditation as a 'Veteran Aware Trust', awarded by the National Steering Group for the NHS Veteran Covenant Healthcare Alliance. **Read more.**

On Thursday 8 May, the trust will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, with a variety of activities for visitors, staff and patients. These include afternoon tea on the wards for patients, piano and war time music performances and a cake sale. Fraser and Graham, two local veterans, will also be cycling 80km on the day to raise funds for the Armed Forces activities within the trust.

If you would like to sponsor our cyclists, please visit the ASPH Charity's fundraising pages for **Fraser** and **Graham**.



New sensory garden at Ashford Hospital

Staff, patients and visitors at Ashford Hospital are benefiting from a new sensory garden, thanks to a kind donation to the Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charity from Cllr Med Buck, Mayor of Spelthorne and volunteers from the SMP Alliance M4 project, Balfour Beatty and Mway Comms, who donated resources and their time to create the garden.

Thanks to these donations the Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charity oversaw the transformation of an unused outdoor area into an accessible and peaceful green space, which can be used by patients and staff when they need it most. The garden, which forms part of the trust's Healing Arts Programme, is under a tree canopy and features thoughtful planting that is designed to appeal to each of the senses and to offer interest all year round. **Read more.**



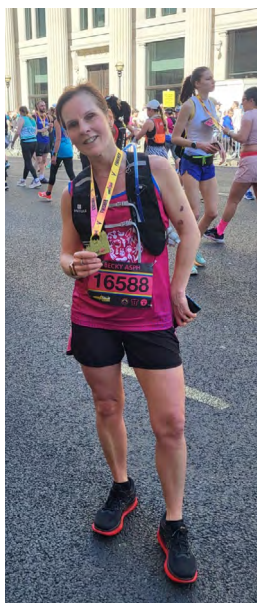


Staff raise over £4k running London Landmarks Half Marathon

Earlier this month, eight members of staff laced up their trainers and took on the London Landmarks Half Marathon to raise funds for the trust's Charity.

Running past iconic sights like the Tower of London, St Paul's Cathedral, and the London Eye, the team has raised over £4,500 to support a range of causes across the trust – from Diabetic Services to Urology and Critical Care Rehab. Each runner chose a fund close to their heart, with all donations helping to enhance patient care and provide equipment beyond the reach of standard NHS budgets.

One of our runners, Nuno Pina from Urology, said: "Knowing that every mile I run supports the hospital and the important work it does makes this experience even more meaningful."






Easter donation

Patients enjoyed some Easter treats thanks to generous donations made by local company Motive8, Royal Holloway Trampolining Club and Holly's Heroes - a new charity set up by a bereaved family whose daughter received some of her care at St Peter's Hospital.

A big thank you to all those that donated!



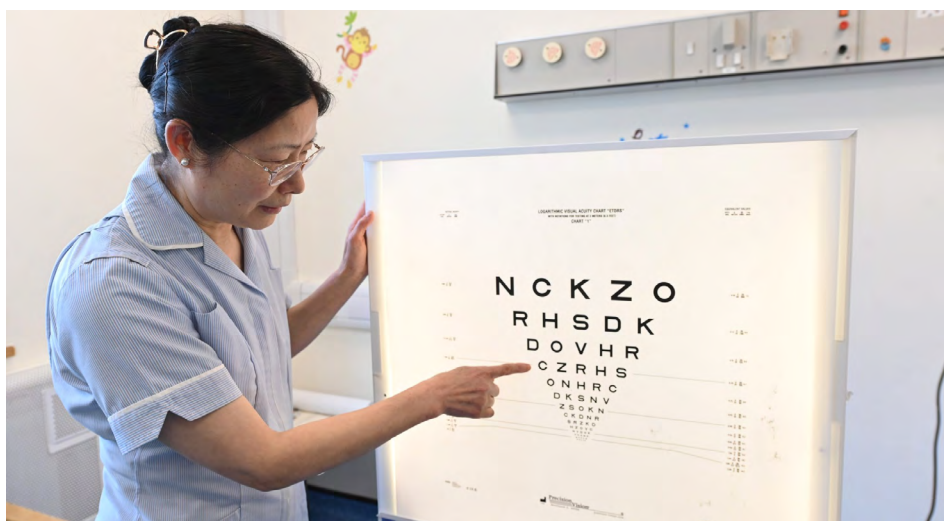
New Ophthalmology system

The trust's Ophthalmology department has moved to a new electronic medical records system called mediSIGHT.

This system will help improve the way we manage patient information, enhance patient safety, and support the delivery of high-quality care. While our teams get fully acclimatised to using the new system, clinics may take a little longer than usual in the first few weeks.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) by calling 01932 723553 or emailing **asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net**

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this time as we work to make these improvements.



Patient feedback

We were seen by a nurse and a doctor who both took the time to listen carefully and treated my daughter with such kindness and respect. I was very impressed with the standard of care we received and the fact we were kept informed at every stage.

Everyone we met was clearly working very hard but still had time to be kind and helpful.

Thank you.

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