ASPH Update

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

August 2025

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

2025 Annual Members' Meeting



Wednesday 8 October 2025 from 5pm

We are looking forward to Wednesday 8 October at 5pm when we will be holding our 2025 Annual Members' Meeting.

Please register your interest by emailing **asp-tr.foundationtrust@nhs.net**, this event will run via Microsoft Teams.

Celebrating our Star of the Month

Congratulations to Nketia Obed-Arthur, who was the winner of July's Star of The Month.

'NK as he is known by all in pharmacy, is a cheerful, friendly pharmacist. He has time for everyone that needs his time, however busy, will always 'roll his sleeves up' and helps whenever he can.'

The award was presented by Jay Dungeni, Chief Nursing Officer. Nketia received £100 Love to Shop vouchers and an invitation to the Staff Achievement Awards later this year!

If you know someone who is a star, please **do nominate them.**





World Breastfeeding Week 2025

Our Maternity service and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) celebrated World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August) together this year, with a joint launch of a buccal colostrum initiative for premature babies born before 35 weeks gestation. The team visited colleagues with educational tea trolleys to talk about this collaborative perinatal effort to boost early breast milk being given to preterm babies.

At Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (ASPH), we are incredibly proud of our level 3 neonatal unit. As a tertiary specialist unit, we care for sick and premature babies from across Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Read more.

VJ Day afternoon tea

'The War is over' Victory in Japan Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War was commemorated on 13 August with a celebratory afternoon tea hosted by local Veteran friendly care home, Horsell Lodge in Woking.

The event was attended by 11 of our regular ASPH Breakfast Club Veterans and Louise Russell, Matron and Veterans Healthcare Alliance Clinical Champion, as well as five veterans from the care home. It was an emotional tribute to their fallen comrades and to all who served to ensure that the end of the Second World War was not forgotten.

ASPH has successfully been re-accredited with the 'Veteran Healthcare Covenant Alliance accreditation' (VHCA) and have worked closely with the care home to support them to achieve their VHCA.



Day case hysterectomies now available at ASPH

The trust now offers day case hysterectomy procedures which marks a significant step forward in enhancing patient care and experience. By offering hysterectomies as day cases, many patients can now return home the same day, reducing the need for overnight stays and supporting a quicker recovery in the comfort of their own homes.

The first day case list was completed in August at Ashford Hospital by gynaecology consultants, Dr Jadoon and Dr Dickinson, along with our dedicated anaesthetist and nursing teams. This achievement highlights our commitment to modernising surgical pathways, improving efficiency, and providing patient-centred care.



Vanessa's Excellence in Neonatal Care

Senior Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Transitional Care Lead, Vanessa Sturt, was recognised for her outstanding contributions to neonatal care at the Global Health Awards 2025, which were held at the House of Commons, London.

With nearly 20 years of experience in neonatal intensive care, Vanessa's career was inspired by the expert and compassionate team who cared for her own preterm children.

Since completing her Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (ANNP) training, Vanessa has undertaken a hybrid role across maternity and neonatal services, supporting babies and families throughout their journey.

Read more.



Patient feedback

I attended A&E this morning with chest pains and wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the treatment I received. The staff were all professional, attentive and had a kind and courteous attitude. I was seen quickly and was overall impressed with the service.

If you'd like to share feedback about your experience at the trust, please email **asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net**

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