Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

ASPH Update



A message from Julie Smith, Chief Executive

Welcome to our second monthly update from Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. These regular bulletins have been designed to give you a quick update on what's been happening at various locations across the Trust.

In this edition you can read about our exciting plans for Woking Community Hospital, the fantastic Community Open Day at Ashford, the delightful RHS Sensory Garden and how we marked World Prematurity Day.

I hope you enjoy reading this update, please do stay in touch with us – details of our social media channels are below.

Woking Community Hospital gets planning consent for new diagnostic centre

Woking Community Hospital has received planning consent to further develop a community diagnostic centre at the hospital site, providing residents with a vibrant and modern health facility. The development of a building extension connected to the current hospital will offer computerised tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), as well as expand the ultrasound capacity and enable improved access for the mobile breast screening unit.

The centre is funded by NHS England and will be developed by Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, working in close collaboration with CSH Surrey, primary care, Alliance Medical Ltd and partners operating out of Woking Community Hospital. Click **here** to read more.





Trust holds first Community Open Day at Ashford

Following the success of our Community Day at St Peter's Hospital earlier this year, we were delighted to open the doors to Ashford Hospital on Saturday 25 November, and welcomed our local community to join us. Teams offered dedicated tours of different areas of the Hospital including our surgical theatres and offered health and wellbeing advice.

Our recruitment team were on hand to promote the varied career opportunities within the Trust and the fundraising team put on a fantastic tea party to help raise money for our ASPH Charity. In addition to this, we were able to showcase our innovative training, education and research facilities, and our exciting plans for cancer treatment, elective surgery and community healthcare through our NWS Alliance partners. Huge thanks to all who attended and to those who organised this amazing day. Click **here** to read more.

New Sensory Garden comes to St Peter's Hospital

An award-winning sensory garden from the RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival has been relocated to St Peter's Hospital. This outdoor space provides patients, visitors and staff, to spend time in tranquil surroundings for improved wellbeing using scent, sounds and visually beautiful planting. The 'Serenity Garden' was designed by Nicola Hale and built by Landform Consultants. Mark Gregory, Managing Director of Landform and former ASPH patient, was delighted to give something back to the Trust after staff at St Peter's saved his life. The name 'Serenity Garden' was chosen by the staff at ASPH and those involved, as it reflects the intention of the garden.

Click **here** to read more.





Recognising World Prematurity Day 2023

World Prematurity Day takes place on 17 November each year to raise global awareness of premature birth and highlights the impact on families. Last year our Neonatal Charity, Little Roo helped raise over £8,000 for much needed family support initiatives as well as equipment and staff training.

To mark the day, Little Roo encouraged staff at St Peter's Hospital to wear purple and held a cake sale and raffle. These funds will help support families with premature babies and staff working in the neonatal unit.

Click **here** to watch the film and find out more.

More News from ASPH

- **New Chief People Officer**
- **New Chief Digital Information Officer**
- **Neonatal Unit Named Outstanding in National Audit**
- **Extended Bus Service for Patients and Staff**
- **ASPH Remembrance Services**

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