ASPH Update

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

December 2025

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



ASPH colleagues join the 'Together at Christmas' Carol Service

Two of our ASPH colleagues were delighted to attend HRH The Princess of Wales' annual Christmas carol service at Westminster Abbey, celebrating community and compassion.

Stella Davey, Divisional Chief Nurse for Urgent and Emergency Care, and Shailini Bahl, Consultant Paediatrician, took part in the hour-long 'Together at Christmas' service in London, now in its fifth year.

During the service, they were treated to readings by HRH The Prince of Wales, actress Kate Winslet, and actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, celebrating community champions and paying tribute to "love in all its forms."

Attendees also received a letter from the Princess of Wales, which can be read **here**.

Reflecting on the experience, Stella Davey said: *"Being invited to represent the trust at the Princess of Wales' carol service was such a special honour, I am truly grateful for the opportunity and for the recognition of the work we do."*

The service highlighted kindness, reflection, and the importance of supporting one another nationwide.

Christmas at ASPH



Over the Christmas period, we received an overwhelming number of donations from our local community.

The generosity shown by individuals, local companies, local football clubs and many other organisations was truly uplifting and made a visible difference across our sites.

A special mention to Jewson Woking, who raised over £3,000 for our children's wards. The team delivered two giant parcels to St Peter's Hospital, absolutely bursting with toys for our young patients to enjoy. You can listen **here** to an interview with Tommy from Jewson Woking, where he explains why he chose St Peter's Hospital for this year's fundraising.

These donations helped bring some festive cheer and comfort to patients during a busy time of year and served as a reminder of the strong connection between our hospitals and the communities we care for.

We are proud to be part of a community that continues to show such kindness and generosity.

Christmas Skate-a-thon for the Bradley Unit



Those who visited Guildford Spectrum in December may have spotted Liz Amini from the Bradley Unit dusting off her festive gear and lacing up her skates.

Liz challenged herself to complete a sponsored 26-mile Christmas skate-a-thon at the Guildford Spectrum to raise funds for the Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charity's Bradley Unit Charitable Fund.

The Bradley Unit provides life-changing neuro-rehabilitation for patients recovering from stroke, brain injury, and other neurological conditions. Liz, who works as an Activities Co-ordinator on the ward, was inspired to take on the challenge after seeing first-hand the profound difference the Unit makes to patients and their families.

If you'd like to donate, please visit Liz Amini's **Fundraising page.**

Horsell Lodge Veterans Christmas Lunch



As a Christmas treat, Veterans from the ASPH Breakfast Club were very kindly invited to an early Christmas dinner at the Horsell Lodge Care Home, hosted by the staff and residents.

In return they asked that a couple of the Veterans give a talk to the residents describing what Christmas was like during deployment. The stories were shared and enjoyed with 20 residents after a roast turkey lunch.

The monthly breakfast club and activities for the Veterans not only supports our trust Armed Forces Covenant but extends to relationship building with other care providers in the local community.

Wonderful feedback from one of the Veterans was *"A few years ago the only time I got my beret and medal on show was once a year on Remembrance Day, but now thanks to our regular social events hosted by the trust we are slowly getting more like our US brothers and sisters who treat their veterans with so much respect and reverence, to have our service recognised and appreciated is very special indeed so thank-you."*

Volunteers Christmas lunch















In December, our volunteers came together for a festive Christmas lunch, with 80 volunteers joining us to celebrate the season and their incredible contribution throughout the year.

Everyone enjoyed a hot Christmas lunch, complete with Christmas pudding and crackers to share, creating a truly joyful and sociable atmosphere. The celebrations were made extra special by John Machin, our Acting Chair, who led a lively raffle, with a range of lovely presents bringing smiles all round.

We were also pleased to hear from Louise Stead, Group Chief Executive, who took the opportunity to thank our volunteers for their outstanding support and dedication, highlighting the vital role they play across our trust.

It was a wonderful afternoon filled with festive spirit – a small way of saying thank you for everything our volunteers do.

Annual ASPH Decorate a Door competition



This Christmas, staff across the organisation brought festive cheer to our hospital sites through the annual Decorate a Door competition, a much-anticipated highlight of the year.

Members of the executive team, alongside Acting Chair John Machin, judged this year's entries, which showcased an impressive range of creativity, imagination and teamwork.

The decorated doors added colour and warmth to hospital environments during a particularly busy time, creating something special for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy. The high standard of entries reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of teams across the organisation.

We are always grateful to those who took part, helping to spread festive spirit across our sites.

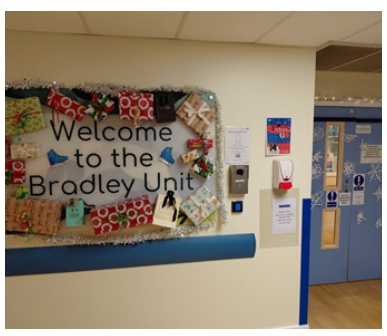
















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