ASPH Update

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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

Our refreshed Together We Care Strategy 2026-2029

We've launched our refreshed Together We Care strategy, setting out our priorities for the next three years.

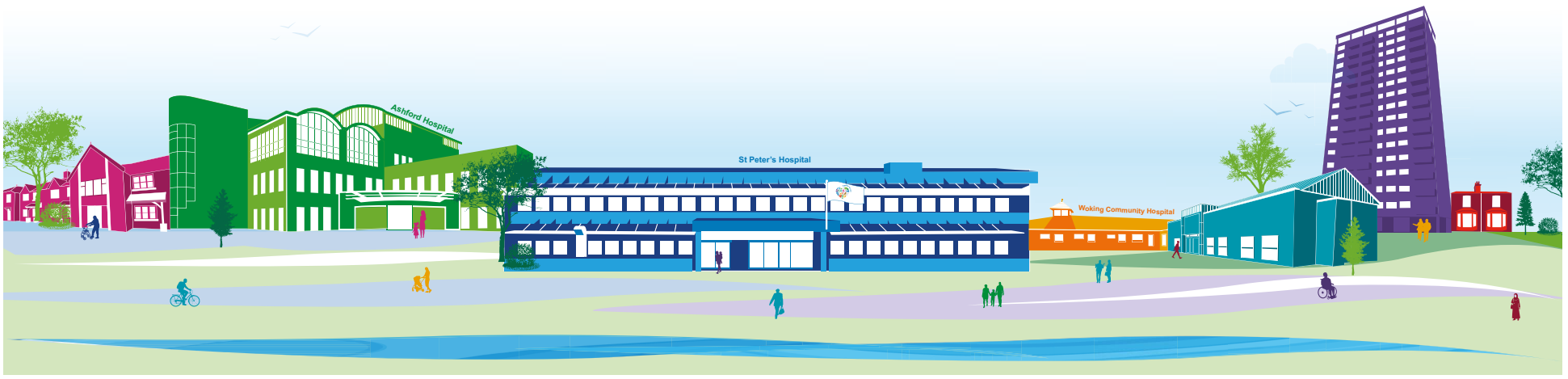
Our strategy is not just a document. It guides how we make decisions, improve services and work together every day. It focuses on improving outcomes, experience and value through safer, faster and more joined-up care. It has been shaped by extensive engagement with staff, patients, partners and the wider community.

At its heart are five clear objectives that describe what excellent care looks like: harm free care, valued people, timely care, value and sustainability and positive partnerships.

For patients and members, this means a continued focus on safe, high-quality care, shorter waiting times and better access to services.

It also reflects a strong commitment to working with partners to deliver more care closer to home and improve health outcomes across our communities.

You can read the full strategy and find out more about what it means for you on our website.



Opening of Woking Community Diagnostic Centre



On Friday 5 June, we celebrated the official opening of Woking Community Diagnostic Centre on the centre's first anniversary, with the ceremony led by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux.

Located within the grounds of Woking Community Hospital, the centre has been created following significant refurbishment works across parts of the existing hospital.

The facility provides quicker and more accessible diagnostic services for local people, helping to support earlier diagnoses, faster treatment, and improved outcomes for patients across the community. Around 120,000 tests a year will be provided closer to patients homes.

Read more about the event here.

Macmillan Cancer Centre update

We are getting ever closer to move-in day at our new Macmillan Cancer Centre.

The centre is now almost finished, with a couple of things and some finishing touches left to be installed by the contractors. We will then check the building for any snags while inspectors will check the building to make sure this meets building standards.

Once these are complete, we will start moving in with furniture and equipment. We are looking forward to seeing this with all the furniture inside.

You can keep up to date with the latest news here.





Group Chief Executive Louise appointed Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux has appointed Group Chief Executive, Louise Stead as a Deputy Lieutenant. The appointment recognises civic, cultural and community contributions across the county and Louise joins a network of other deputies in Surrey.

Congratulating Louise on her appointment, the Lord-Lieutenant said: *"We are thrilled and delighted to have someone such as you, with your nursing experience and your employment experience, with the Lieutenancy. Congratulations and sincerely thank you for taking on this role."*

Louise said: *"I am delighted to have been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey. It is a tremendous honour and I'm sure it will complement my work in healthcare leadership by providing an opportunity to further strengthen my connections with local communities and organisations."*

Read more here.



Jane Dickson appointed as Deputy Chair for Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals

Following a thorough recruitment process and completion of governance approvals, Jane Dickson has been appointed Deputy Chair of Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals.

Jane joined the trust as a Non-Executive Director in September 2024, bringing extensive board-level experience from NHS acute providers. A registered nurse, she has held senior operational, strategic and transformation roles across complex healthcare organisations, with significant expertise in governance.

Jane succeeds John Machin, who has served as Deputy Chair in recent years.

Speaking about her appointment, Jane said: *"I am delighted to take on the role of Deputy Chair. I am proud to work alongside colleagues across the Trust to support high-quality, safe care for our patients and to strengthen our culture of openness and improvement."*

Read more here.



National Children's Nurses Day

Children's nurses provide expert, compassionate care to babies, children, young people and their families, making a lasting difference at some of the most important moments in their lives.

At Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals, we are proud of our dedicated children's nurses, whose exceptional skill, kindness and commitment ensure high-quality, family-centred care every day. Their expertise and unwavering support help children, young people and their families throughout every stage of their healthcare journey.

To mark the occasion, we shared a short video celebrating our fantastic team and the amazing work they do.

Thank you to all our children's nurses for the incredible difference you make every single day!



New research support opportunities

Clinicians across the group are set to benefit from a new funding programme designed to support research careers alongside clinical practice.

As part of a new South West London regional consortium, ASPH and Royal Surrey will receive funding through the Medical Research Council's (MRC) Regional Accounts for Clinical Researchers pilot programme. The initiative aims to help clinicians at key stages of their research careers remain active in research while continuing their clinical roles, particularly following completion of a PhD programme. The consortium will receive up to £350,000 a year over the next four years from the MRC to support clinical research activity.

The funding is intended to help address some of the common barriers clinicians face when pursuing research, including limited time, funding pressures and access to development opportunities.



National Volunteers' Week cake sale

We are grateful to everyone who showed their support by baking, donating volunteering and purchasing treats at our cake sale in aid of National Volunteers' Week. We raised almost £700 towards our volunteers' Christmas party.

These funds will help us celebrate and thank our incredible volunteers for their dedication, hard work and support they provide throughout the year.

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