ASPH Update

Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

March 2025

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

The Surrey Surgical Centre opens at Ashford Hospital

The Surrey Surgical Centre has opened at Ashford Hospital, marking a major milestone in the collaboration between Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, and the Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care Board. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to providing additional orthopaedic surgery resources to meet the growing demand for elective procedures and improve patient care across Surrey.

The Surrey Surgical Centre offers patients the choice to receive their surgery at the centre or continue their treatment at their usual hospital. Strategically located within Ashford Hospital's site, the centre's design ensures it remains insulated from the typical disruptions faced by acute hospitals, particularly the strains caused by emergency treatment demands and seasonal surges in activity during colder months.

The centre features an expanded theatre complex with two new state-of-the-art laminar flow theatres, increasing surgical capacity for elective orthopaedic procedures such as hip and knee replacement surgeries. This expansion is set to make a substantial impact on reducing the length of waiting lists and waiting times for local patients in need of surgery.

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Urology and Burhill Golf Club collaboration

Earlier this month, the Urology team partnered with Burhill Golf Club, to give prostate-specific antigen tests to 87 of their members as part of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Organised by Dr. James Aljoe, the team, including Consultant Urological Surgeon Michael Mikhail, took blood samples, gave advice and made their service accessible; all in aid of our Aquablation Appeal to raise £131,000 to improve patient outcomes.

The partnership with Burhill will continue as they host the Urology Department's inaugural Charity Golf Day on 30 April, again in aid of the appeal which will improve prostate patient outcomes thanks to new surgical technology. Contact Kathryn Moore, Head of Charity, if you'd like to find out more about the appeal **kathryn.moore35@nhs.net**



New Ophthalmology Suite opens at Ashford Hospital

After extensive planning and significant building work, the trust is delighted to have opened a new state-of-the-art Ophthalmology Suite at Ashford Hospital. The new facility includes two modern theatres, a recovery bay, theatre service rooms, and an advanced ophthalmology clinic area, complete with a brand-new laser room. This new addition will allow us to significantly expand our capacity to treat ophthalmology patients, enhancing our ability to provide excellent care. **Read more**



200th total knee replacement surgery completed using robotic surgical system

The trust's Orthopaedic Surgery Team is celebrating the completion of 200 total knee replacement surgeries, using a robotic assistance surgical system. The system offers surgeons enhanced precision and accuracy, using a special probe to map the patient's joint, generating a real-time 3D model of their anatomy.

The first surgery using the system was carried out at Ashford Hospital in October 2023. The use of this modern technology reduces the risk of infection or the need for repeat surgeries as well as providing a shorter recovery time. **Read more**



Healthwatch Surrey needs your views on non-emergency patient transport survey

Patients who use non-emergency patient transport (NEPT) are being asked to complete a survey about how they feel about the service. NEPT is a free transport service for people who, due to their mobility needs or medical condition, are unable to travel safely by other means for medical care. It is transport booked in advance, not an ambulance called in an emergency.

The transport booked may be a small minibus, an ambulance style vehicle or a taxi. NEPT in Surrey Heartlands is provided by the EMED Group. People are being asked to complete **the survey** by Sunday 6 April. Responses are anonymous.

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Patient Feedback

"When we arrived for the appointment, staff were already aware of my son's needs. The nurse spotted him as soon as we arrived (which is just what my son needs) and ensured we had a successful visit.

Everyone working together as a fantastic team, ensured we got bloods done, which can be tricky.

We're so thankful to all involved."

Next Council of Governors Meeting

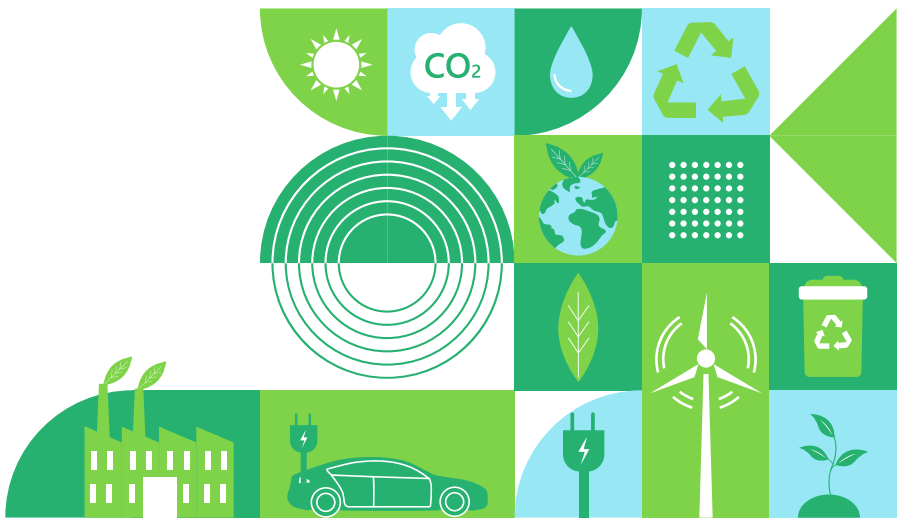
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2 July, 4-6pm at Ashford Hospital**. If you would like to attend, please contact **asp-tr.foundationtrust@nhs.net** for further details.

This would be a great opportunity to learn about how a Council of Governors operates within the NHS.

Anu Sehdev, Membership and Engagement Manager

ASPH working with University of Surrey towards net zero goal

The trust is working with colleagues at the University of Surrey towards achieving our goal of being carbon net-zero by 2045. Please support us by completing an online survey which will help inform our carbon reducing actions in the coming months and years, whilst also contributing to research in this area. The survey which is anonymous should only take around 15 minutes to complete. **Complete the survey here**.



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