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

Macmillan cancer support centre update

We are looking forward to the completion of the building works in next few months for our new Macmillan Cancer Support Centre at Ashford Hospital.

The builders are progressing very quickly and are currently building the walls inside the Centre. They've also taken the first steps in getting electricity and ventilation to the Centre installed. We should see more of these in the ceiling once the walls are finished ready for decorating.

Read the full story **here**



Group Chief Executive invited to join national Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce



Louise Stead, Group Chief Executive of Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals and Royal Surrey, has joined an important new national Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce, chaired by the Health and Social Care Secretary, Wes Streeting.

The taskforce has been established to deliver urgent actions and improvements in response to the recommendations of Baroness Amos' independent investigation into maternity and neonatal services in England. The 17-member taskforce brings together families, senior NHS leaders, royal college representatives, campaigners and academics, who collectively have the lived experience, clinical experience and sector know-how to deliver the necessary changes.

Louise's expertise was sought after leading Royal Surrey's Maternity Department to be rated 'Outstanding' and Ashford and St Peter's Maternity Services 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission.

Read the full story **here**

Trust leads Surrey's first paediatric critical care expansion pilot

We're proud to share that Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals has led Surrey's first expansion of paediatric critical care, bringing Level 2 high dependency care closer to home for local children and families.

The pilot has reduced the need for transfers to London, supported children with complex needs in their community. This has not only freed up regional intensive care capacity for other critically ill patients, but also ensured families could remain near their support networks.

With plans to expand the service further, this marks an important step toward a more resilient, family-centred model of care for young patients across Surrey. Read the full story **here**



Congratulations to Radio Wey

Huge congratulations to the team at Radio Wey, who picked up three awards at the National Hospital Radio Awards:

Silver for Best Female Presenter - awarded to Maria Lopiano

Bronze for Station Promotion - for the Radio Wey app campaign

Recognising Innovation across Hospital Radio - for the app and audio recognition service, all developed by their volunteers





Mike Maingard from Radio Wey attended the ceremony to collect the trophies and certificates.

These achievements, alongside the Highly Commended honour at the Runnymede Civic Awards, provide a fantastic conclusion to their 60th anniversary year. Earlier in March the Radio Wey team also picked up a 'Highly Commended' award at the Runnymede Civic Awards. The team were nominated in recognition of the fantastic support they provide to patients and staff across Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact they make every day!

Find out more and listen to Radio Wey **here**

Celebrating Nutrition and Hydration Week



As part of Nutrition and Hydration Week, we hosted a Global Tea Party. With support from our suppliers Brakes, Bidfood, and Paddy and Scott, we treated all our patients to a delicious cream tea.

Events like this encourage better nutrition and bring patients together, fostering connection and community and we're grateful to our suppliers for helping make this celebration a success!

Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist Day



On Monday 16 March, we celebrated Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Day to recognise the dedication of our Cancer CNS team at ASPH.

Cancer CNSs play a vital role in supporting patients, families, and carers throughout the cancer journey. From the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, they provide expert clinical knowledge, reassurance, and guidance - helping patients feel informed, supported and never alone.

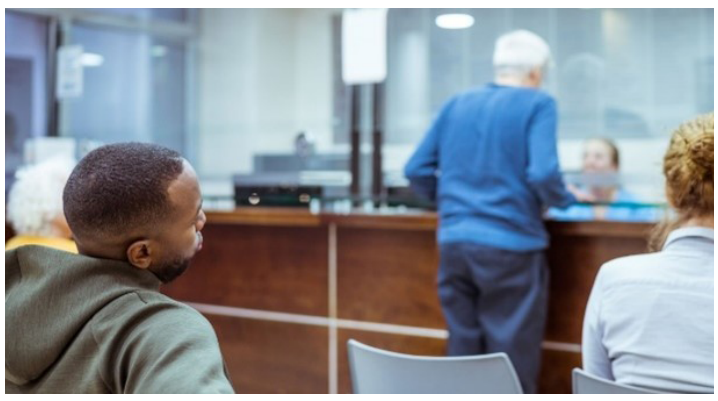
Read more **here**

Pilot to fill short notice cancellations

We are excited to announce that we are working with Deep Medical Ltd, a healthcare partner, to improve our outpatient services.

Deep Medical's technology aims to reduce the number of patients who do not attend their appointments through tailored messaging and reminders and are also supporting teams to fill clinic slots that have been cancelled at short notice. This technology will help to ensure that as many appointment slots are filled, improving our efficiency and reducing waiting times for patients.

Read the full story **here**



PSA testing event at Burhill Golf Club



In March we enjoyed our second successful annual PSA Testing Event, bringing together Burhill Golf Club, Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals' Charity and our Urology Team to deliver 90 PSA blood tests, testing for potential prostate cancer.

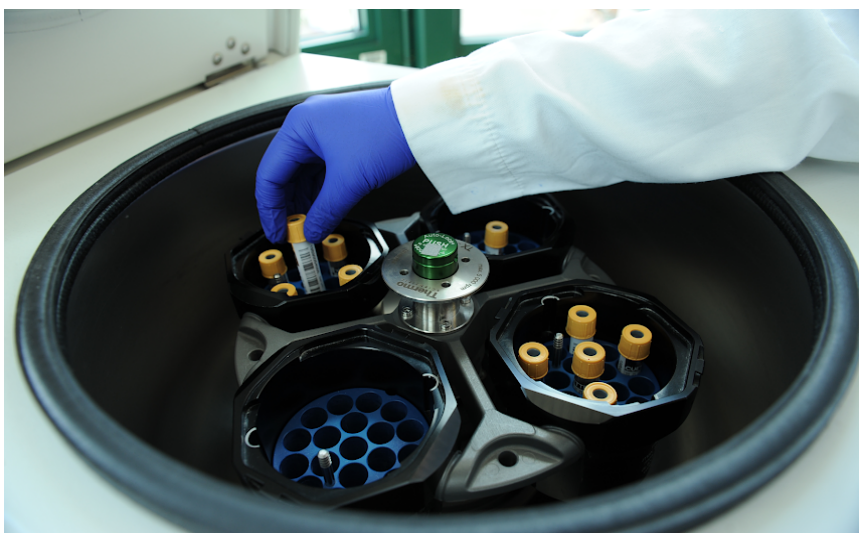
Last year's event aided in the early detection of prostate cancer for two of Burhill's community, so the importance of regular testing, even if living without symptoms, was really appreciated by many who attended.

A partnership we are hoping will secure £80,000 this year, shared equally between Urology's Aquablation Appeal and Cardiology to represent health challenges close to the heart of each Captain.

Do you know any local sports or social clubs that might be interested in making us their Charity of the Year? Please do encourage them to reach out to our Head of Charity, **kathryn.moore35@nhs.net** to find out more.

Find out more about the ASPH Charity **here**

Celebrating Healthcare Science Week at ASPH



In March we celebrated Healthcare Science Week at ASPH - Healthcare Scientists (HCS) play a vital role across the NHS, contributing to around 80% of all diagnoses nationwide. There are more than 58,000 HCS working across the UK, including 140 staff across 19 departments at ASPH.

Healthcare science will continue to play an important role in the future of NHS services. National plans include the expansion of community diagnostic centres and increased diagnostic testing capacity, highlighting the growing importance of these specialist teams in supporting patient care.

Read more **here**

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