Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

ASPH Update

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

These regular bulletins have been designed to update on what's been happening across the Trust. In this edition you can read about Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak's visit to Woking Community Hospital, the Trust's new Interim Chief Executive and how we welcomed the charity Doctors in Distress for a tree planting ceremony. You can also read about our two new Governors.

Rishi Sunak visits Woking Community Hospital

The Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak visited Woking Community Hospital on Thursday 11 April 2024 with Woking MP, Jonathan Lord, to meet with staff and learn more about the Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) which is due to be fully operational later this year. During the visit, the Prime Minister spoke with Project Director, Stephen Hepworth and Medical Director, Dr David Fluck along with other colleagues about the plans for the development and the difference it will make for the residents of North West Surrey. The Woking CDC is a key development and will offer additional capacity for diagnostic testing such as x-rays ultrasounds, cardiac and respiratory testing, and will help to reduce waiting times for patients. The Woking Centre is part of the wider CDC plans across the Surrey Heartlands health and care system. It is being developed by the Trust, working in close collaboration with CSH Surrey, primary care, Alliance Medical Ltd and partners operating out of Woking Community Hospital.

Read more **here**.



Picture by Simon Walker No 10 Downing Street



Katie Fisher joins Trust as Interim Chief Executive

Katie Fisher has begun her role as Interim Chief Executive at Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals this month. Katie is an experienced Chief Executive with 20 years board level experience in the NHS, charity, and private sectors. Her most recent Chief Executive roles have been at St. Andrew's Healthcare, a large specialist mental health charity, and before that, at West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Katie started her career as a registered nurse and was also a graduate of the NHS general management training scheme. She has held a variety of senior roles in both commissioning and provider organisations, across primary, secondary, tertiary, community, mental health and learning disability care.

Tree planting ceremony

St Peter's Hospital welcomed National charity Doctors in Distress for a tree planting ceremony last month. The planting was to remember healthcare workers across the country who have taken their own lives. Dr David Fluck, Medical Director at Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals said: "*The health and wellbeing of our team is of utmost importance and this tree signifies our duty of care for the mental health of our staff and remembering those who have lost their lives.*" Doctors in Distress provides peer support for all UK based healthcare workers to promote and protect their mental health and prevent suicide.

Read more **here**.



Meet our new Governors

Karen Howkins and Chad Lake have been elected to the Trust's Council of Governors. Karen and Chad both represent the constituency of Spelthorne and will join the other governors in representing the views of Trust members, as well as the local community, to the Board. We wish them a warm welcome.

Find out more **here**.





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