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

Celebrating our nurses and midwives

On 9 May, we held our annual Pride in Nursing and Midwifery event to mark International Day of the Midwife (5 May) and International Nurses Day (12 May).

The day was split into two parts with presentations in the morning, which included hearing from some of our internationally educated nurses and midwives, who shared their inspiring journeys which led them to where they are now.

During the afternoon, nursing and midwifery teams were visited by trust leaders to thank them for the care they provide for patients every day. Awards were also presented to staff who were nominated by their peers for going above and beyond in their role.

Read more.



New simulation ward helping clinicians hone their skills

A new three-bed simulation ward has opened at St Peter's Hospital and will improve patient outcomes by giving clinical and medical students the opportunity to practice simulated medical procedures, including the treatment of cardiac arrest, and major trauma.

The ward will benefit all clinical staff, from nurses and midwives, doctors of all grades and Allied Health Professionals, as well as the many medical students that spend time learning at the trust.

Read more.



Catering team featured on BBC Radio Four

BBC Radio Four's, Sheila Dillon from The Food Programme, visited the catering team at St Peter's Hospital to learn more about our work to transform our catering offer.

During the episode, they look at how the catering team started its journey in collaborating with local suppliers to provide fresh, seasonal produce since the service was brought in-house during the pandemic. It also covers our plans to revamp patient meals, which are prepared off-site, by working with smaller local caterers to better meet the needs of patients.

Listen here on BBC Sounds.





VTE Prevention team recognised at Thrombosis UK VTE Awards

We're proud to share that our VTE Prevention Team has been Highly Commended in the Quality Improvement Programme Advancing Practice in Thrombosis Prevention and Management category at the Thrombosis UK VTE Awards!

Held at the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 13 May and hosted by Sarah Green MP, the event celebrated outstanding, sustainable practices in VTE prevention and thrombosis care across the UK.

A huge well done to the team for their dedication and continued efforts to improve patient safety and outcomes!



International Clinical Trials Day

The Research and Development team marked International Clinical Trials Day on 20 May, with a stand at St Peter's Hospital.

The aim was to raise awareness of research taking place across the trust.

The team includes researchers, doctors, research nurses, and midwives, and currently runs over 80 trials across three divisions: Surgery and Oncology, General Medicine, and Women's Health.



Music therapy at The Bradley Neuro-rehabilitation Unit

Over the past six months, patients at **The Bradley Neuro-Rehabilitation Unit,** based in Woking Community Hospital, have enjoyed live music sessions led by Nick, Music Therapist from Intergenerational Music Makers (IMM). The unit provides multidisciplinary assessment, advice and rehabilitation for adults with acquired brain injury or complex neurological illness.

The sessions have supported recovery, with patients sharing how they've enjoyed trying something new, singing together, and breaking up the routine.

A big thank you to the Bradley Unit team for their support and to IMM for making this programme possible through donations to our **ASPH Charity.**



Patient feedback

Dear midwives, doctors and the entire staff at St Peter's Hospital, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the incredible care and support during the birth of our daughter.

We are so grateful to the midwives, doctors, and everyone involved – your kindness, professionalism and warmth meant the world to us.

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

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