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

The Surrey Surgical Centre receives recognition for meeting top clinical and operational standards

The Surrey Surgical Centre at Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been successfully accredited for delivering high standards in clinical and operational practice as part of a national quality assessment scheme, just 14 months after opening.

The scheme, run by NHS England's Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and supported by the Royal College of Anaesthetists, assesses surgical hubs against a framework of standards to help hubs deliver faster access to some of the most common surgical procedures such as cataract surgeries and hip replacements. It also seeks to assure patients about the high standards of clinical care.



Read more about the accreditation here

Louise Stead, Group Chief Executive, Appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey



We are proud to share that Louise Stead, Group Chief Executive of Ashford and St Peter's and Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trusts, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey.

In this honorary role, Louise will join a distinguished group of individuals supporting the Lord-Lieutenant in carrying out ceremonial and community duties on behalf of the King.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, she will represent the Lord-Lieutenant at local events, royal visits and civic ceremonies, helping to present honours and awards and support charities and voluntary organisations.

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**

Star of the Month Winner May 2026



We were delighted to announce Joel Gonzalez, Nursing Associate, SDEC, as the latest Star of the Month winner. Joel received £100 Amazon vouchers and an invitation to the 2026 Staff Achievement Awards.

Joel's nomination from a patient read:

"I went to A&E at St Peter's for total numbness to the right side of my face. I spent ten hours there and was told there was a growth on my brain. I was instructed to come back the next day and report to SDEC for an MRI. I had a total breakdown in the car park and was inconsolable with the anxiety when walking in. Joel was my nurse throughout my entire stay, he was so calm, friendly and could not do enough for me. He was attentive and best of all, was open, honest, and transparent with me. He explained everything in terms I could understand, reassured me at every opportunity and even when his shift had ended, stayed later to assist me."

Celebrating Perinatal Successes

In May we celebrated perinatal successes across Surrey Heartlands, showcasing the excellent work of Maternity and Neonatal services in supporting women, babies, and families.

The day brought together staff in person and virtually to share best practice and support future collaboration, with a strong focus on multidisciplinary working and involving service users as partners in care.

It was truly inspiring to showcase the excellent work at ASPH from our passionate and dedicated staff, with an emphasis on the importance of a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to care and service delivery, and the inclusion of service users as partners in their journey.



Celebrating nursing and midwifery across Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals



May provided an opportunity to recognise the vital contribution of our nursing and midwifery colleagues, who make up around 30 percent of our workforce.

We began by celebrating International Day of the Midwife on Tuesday 5 May. This year's theme, 'One million more midwives', highlights the global shortage of nearly 980,000 midwives and the importance of growing and supporting this workforce.

Our midwifery teams led a range of activities at St Peter's Hospital to raise awareness and engage colleagues and visitors. These included a 'guess the baby's gestation size by fruit' game, hands-on demonstrations using birthing models, and opportunities to write thank you messages to midwives.

Colleagues were also invited to complete the phrase 'If the world had a million more midwives...', encouraging reflection on the impact of the profession.

On 8 May, colleagues came together for our annual Pride in Nursing and Midwifery event. This brought teams across the trust together to recognise their contribution and impact. The day included stories and reflections from colleagues, highlighting their roles, leadership and commitment to delivering high quality, compassionate care. It also provided an opportunity to share experiences and celebrate the difference nursing and midwifery make to patients every day.

A key part of the event was the Pride in Nursing and Midwifery awards, which recognise exceptional care, leadership and teamwork.

We also marked International Nurses Day on 12 May with a diversity breakfast, celebrating our multicultural workforce. Colleagues shared homemade dishes from their own cultures, creating a welcoming space that reflected the diversity of our teams. It was a meaningful way to recognise the care, compassion and skill our nurses bring to patients from all backgrounds.

Together, these events highlight the strength, diversity and dedication of our nursing and midwifery workforce and the important role they play in delivering high quality care for our patients and communities.



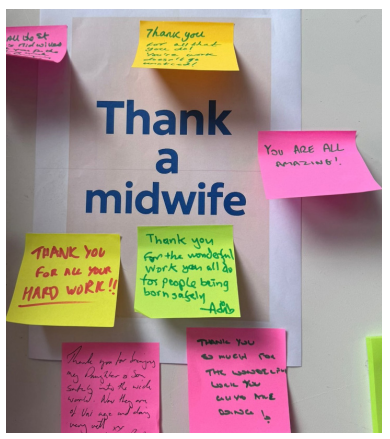












Team Little Roo Raises Funds for the Neonatal Unit

little Roo neonatal fund

For babies that need a little more care at St. Peter's Hospital

We are so grateful to the 21 incredible runners who ran for Team Little Roo in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. Collectively they raised an incredible £23,416 (£28,202 including Gift Aid!) for sick and premature babies.

It was an incredible day that brought together ASPH staff and ex Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) families, all running to raise funds for our tiny patients.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!

£23,416 raised



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