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



Working Together to Shape our Future

We are currently reviewing our **Together We Care 2022-2025** strategy to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our community for the next three years.

We want to hear from you about how we can transform the care we deliver to support our communities to lead happier, healthier lives and strengthen our fantastic services together with our group model partner, **Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust**.

Our refreshed strategy will take into consideration the **NHS 10-Year Plan**, which was published earlier this year.

Have your say by **Completing our online survey** or attending our virtual public event on Wednesday 12 November, from 5-6.30pm where you'll be able to hear more about the refresh and have the chance to ask questions and share your thoughts – **register here**.

If you have any questions, please email **asp-tr.comms.mailbox@nhs.net**



Inspiring Future Healthcare Innovators and Leaders

Ashford and St Peter's proudly supported the **Brooklands Innovation Academy** through impactful opportunities to engage and inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Staff offered students a unique insight into their roles and how they support both their teams and patients. The interactive session was met with great enthusiasm and curiosity from the students.

During the event, three local students received the Tim Spencer Award, recognising outstanding student engagement with real-world health challenges.

Events such as the Brooklands Innovation Academy offer an opportunity for the trust to showcase careers to young people at such an important age, with interactions that may steer them towards their future career pathway in healthcare.

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Lord-Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony



On 21 October, Dr Clarence Chikusu and Matron Louise Russell, who are ASPH's Armed Forces and Veterans Clinical Champions, were honoured to be invited to attend this year's Lord-Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. As ASPH are a Gold Employer Recognition Scheme Award holder.

The Lord-Lieutenant awards ceremony is a formal and prestigious event; recognising individuals who demonstrate the volunteer ethos and help to build and nurture the enduring relationships that are so important to our county and local community.



Colorectal Nursing Team Win

We are delighted to share that the colorectal nursing team won the Patient Safety Improvement Award at the 2025 Nursing Times Awards, held in London on Wednesday 22 October.

The team won the award for the early optimisation and ultra-enhanced recovery pathway in elective colorectal surgery. The judges were impressed by the innovative approach of reviewing the entire pathway and adopting a learning approach throughout. They were praised as being a passionate and proactive team who invested in transformation of the care model, with patient safety at its core. **Read more**

Neonatal Unit Recognised as Positive Outlier in National Audit

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (ASPH) has been recognised as a positive outlier in the National Neonatal Audit Programme (NNAP), achieving outstanding results across four key measures of neonatal care.

In the latest audit publication, the trust's NICU was identified as a positive outlier, achieving three or more standard deviations above expected performance, in the following areas:

Deferred cord clamping

- Two-year follow-up assessments for preterm babies born under 30 weeks' gestation
- Non-invasive ventilation
- On-time screening for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP)

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Allied Health Professional (AHP) Day

AHP Day was celebrated on Tuesday 14 October. It was an incredible day, filled with creativity and team building. The lecture theatre was filled with poster presentations focusing on either quality improvement, workforce and education, audit, and innovation.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up for the posters and nominations. Watch the video **here**



Our New Hospital Charity Partner

We're delighted to welcome the Juliet O Foundation – established by acclaimed British rapper Dave and his mum Juliet Omoregie – as our newest hospital charity partner.

Each month, the Foundation will kindly donate a collection of bags (containing a small selection of food, drinks, and essential toiletries) for our staff to share with some of our most vulnerable patients as they leave hospital.

We're so grateful to Dave, Juliet, and the whole Juliet O Foundation team for their compassion and commitment to helping those most in need, making sure every patient leaves hospital with dignity, warmth, and hope.

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We held our Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday 8 October, where our Executive Team gave an overview of our activities and finances for 2024/25.

We also had a presentation from our Lead Governor, Michael Smith and a spotlight on our Bariatric team and their achievements in the past year. If you missed the meeting you can view the recording and the slide deck on our **website**.

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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