



The bride and groom Elizabeth and Ian with witnesses Alan and Emma

## Wedding bells chime

### Buckingham ward team help patient marry his love

Wedding bells rang on 12 May in Buckingham ward in Worthing Hospital to celebrate the marriage of patient Ian Morrison and his beloved Elizabeth Milner. Ian was keen to marry his love of the last twelve years, Elizabeth, and as soon as ward staff found out they arranged a very special occasion within 24 hours. They decorated their side-room with balloons, flowers and candles, and even fashioned chair bows out of plastic aprons. There was a wonderful cake and catering staff donated a buffet for Ian's family to enjoy.

"The staff have been amazing," said the bride. "We honestly cannot thank everyone enough for everything they have done. All the staff have been absolutely fantastic." Ian's sister-in-law, Emma, agreed, adding: "The set-up that the ward has done for the wedding day is brilliant. Much better than we ever could have expected. Thank you."

Following the ceremony, lead chaplain Rachel Bennet fulfilled Ian's wish by blessing their union in the hospital chapel. Buckingham ward sister, Terrie Whiteside, said: "This is really special and we are just so pleased we were able to do this for them."

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## The Rolls-Royce SRH goes in for its first service after 100,000 metres!

After four years of faultless service, the world's first bespoke electric Rolls-Royce returned to its Goodwood birthplace for a 100,000 metre service! The Rolls-Royce SRH belongs to St Richard's where young patients on the paediatric day surgery unit use it to drive themselves to theatre.

Since the car entered service in 2017, it has carried 2,000 brave youngsters in true Rolls-Royce comfort and style. But inevitably, its bodywork has sustained some scuffs and scratches due to its unique working conditions – the marque is unaware of any other Rolls-Royce being routinely driven along corridors by unlicensed children in a state of nervous excitement!

Head of corporate relations for Rolls-Royce, Andrew Ball, said: "In its design, materials and manufacture, this really is a Rolls-Royce in miniature. We're delighted to provide ongoing support for this unique car, and its very special owners and drivers."

Electric power provides the authentic noiseless Rolls-Royce driving experience; and like its road-going counterparts, its speed is limited, in this case to 4 mph rather than the usual 155! The initial build took around 400 hours to complete, with all the work undertaken in Rolls-Royce colleagues' own time. Following its service, the car has now returned to resume its humble but transformational duties.

## 'Home in Comfort' pilot launched

**Patient First in Practice: Improvement project to preserve patient dignity when going home**

We often see patients who don't have any loved ones nearby to provide suitable clean clothing to wear on the journey home from hospital. This has led to patients going home wearing hospital gowns or pyjamas. As one patient transport colleague said: "A larger lady was discharged in a gown too small, we had to cover her with a blanket to preserve her dignity when we got to her home as kids were playing outside."

To address this and improve the discharge experience for our patients, dementia matron, Frances Usher-Smith worked with transport and laundry manager, Richard Knowles, to come up with a new improvement project. They created "Home in Comfort", a pilot project running at St Richard's and Worthing hospitals and funded by Love Your Hospital (LYH) charity to provide comfortable clothing packs, free of charge, for vulnerable patients leaving hospital.



Richard Knowles and Francis Usher-Smith

Frances said: "The lightweight trousers and jumper sets will ensure patients are appropriately dressed for their journey home, so their outstanding care continues as they leave us and it will go a long way in maintaining their dignity too."

# Update your membership

To improve the accuracy of the information held on our Members' database we have moved to a self-service Members' portal at <https://secure.membra.co.uk/memberportal/westernsussex> where you can update or edit your details and provide additional information to ensure that the information held for you is current.

It will only take a few moments of your time but will enable us to target future communications in a more focused way. Rest assured that the data you supply will be used only to contact you about the trust.

# Stroke services engagement

UHSussex stroke clinicians and strategic leads are working with NHS West Sussex, Stroke Association, Healthwatch and our community, mental health and ambulance service partners to improve stroke services in West Sussex. The improvement programme is exploring how we can provide the best services possible; from helping to reduce risk of stroke through to the care patients receive if they have a stroke. As part of this exercise, West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group has launched a public engagement exercise. To complete a short survey and have your say, please visit <https://yoursaysussexhealthandcare.uk.engagementhq.com/>.



Alan Street

# Our staff get a boost

## New COV-Boost study is a world-first clinical trial

Resuscitation Services lead, Alan Street, was the first volunteer locally to participate in a world-first clinical trial exploring Covid "booster" vaccines. Alan said: "I feel honoured to have been the first person from this area to take part in this trial. Everything went well and the team here are just brilliant. I have had my two vaccines a while ago so this is my third and I didn't even feel it. I am just proud to have taken part."

The trial is looking at seven different Covid vaccines. One booster will be provided to each volunteer and it could be a different brand to the one they were originally vaccinated two times with. Vaccines being trialled include Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, Valneva, Janssen and Curevac. There is also a control group.

Within two week's of Alan's booster, nearly 150 further volunteers were signed up by the Royal Sussex County Hospital research team and participating in the trial. Director of Research at UHSussex, professor Martin Llewelyn, said: "To have reached our target of volunteers recruited so quickly is great news and another example of the fantastic work our research teams have been doing. It really is the most amazing achievement that the research teams across UHSussex have recruited almost 5,000 participants to various Covid-19 studies since the pandemic began.

"This is more than any other trust in Kent, Surrey or Sussex. This has only been possible because of the way the individual nurses and support staff working in research at UHSussex have risen to the challenge. They have had to work in totally unfamiliar ways, at evenings and weekends, often putting themselves on the frontline clinically to make sure patients have a chance to take part on Covid research and do these studies in record time."



Claire Keatinge



Dame Denise Holt



Lucy Bloem

## New non-executive directors join us

Three new non-executive directors (NEDs) have been appointed to the University Hospitals Sussex board. Dame Denise Holt, Lucy Bloem and Claire Keatinge will bring a wealth of knowledge and skill to the organisation, as well as broad healthcare and wider experience from both the public and private sectors. The trio are the first NEDs appointed since Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust merged to become one trust on 1 April, 2021.

UHSussex Chair Alan McCarthy said: "I am delighted to welcome Claire, Dame Denise and Lucy, three exceptional Non-Executive Directors, to the Board as we embark on our exciting journey as a new Trust. They bring a wide range of expertise and experience, absolutely share the values of the Trust and are all committed to improving the lives of people through excellent services at our hospitals."

Dame Denise Holt is currently the Chair of the University of Sussex Council and has previously held diplomatic roles as First Secretary and Ambassador at British embassies in Ireland, Brazil, Mexico, Spain and Andorra.

From 2011-2021, Denise was NED and member of the Audit Committee for HSBC UK plc. Other previous roles include Chair of M&S Bank, a member of the NHS Pay Review Body, and a member of the inaugural board of Ofqual. Denise, who lives in Findon, West Sussex, said: "Our hospitals and expert staff have never been more needed and valued. I'm delighted to join University Hospitals Sussex as it faces new challenges in the aftermath of Covid 19."

Lucy Bloem is currently a NED for South East Coast Ambulance Service where she is the Senior Independent Director and chaired their Quality and Patient Safety Committee for almost five years. Her business career has been working across many countries in the oil and gas industry starting with Shell before moving into consulting where she is a partner in Deloitte's Consulting practice and before that with Accenture.

Lucy, who lives in Surrey, has been a NED in the NHS for eight years and is a seasoned committee chair. She said: "I'm delighted to be joining UHSussex at such an exciting time for the Trust following its formal creation on April 1 this year.

Claire Keatinge is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Northern Ireland Prison Service and chairs its Audit and Risk Committee; she is also a Consumer Advocate with the Consumer Council for Water.

Claire has wide experience working with and for older people and is an experienced Board Member – most recently as Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland; Director Northern Ireland; Alzheimer's Society; University of Leicester as an adviser on Active Ageing; Board Member of Dunhill Medical Trust; and leading community development and public health with Age NI.

Claire, who lives in Brighton, said: "I am delighted to be joining the Board. I bring many years' experience working with and for older people – and a commitment to high quality treatment and respect for every patient.

The role of a NED brings an independent perspective into the boardroom, to challenge the executive and to add specific knowledge, skill and experience to the Trust Board. The three new NEDs will begin their roles this summer.



# A&E room named in honour of Bidge

After 38 years volunteering at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Bidge Garton thanked by staff

Bidge Garton has been volunteering at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton for so many years, she was thanked by Her Majesty the Queen at the end of the last century when she represented the hospital at a Buckingham Palace reception. That was in 1999 after 'only' 16 years on duty, but during Volunteers Week 2021, after more than 38 years of voluntary work at the city hospital, Bidge finally called it a day.

As the UK celebrated the great work of volunteers throughout in Volunteers Week, it was time to say farewell – and, most of all, thank you, with a little surprise added in for good measure to memorialise her years of dedication to the A&E unit, patients and their families. Friends and colleagues from volunteer services, A&E teams and hospital representatives, gathered to give Bidge an emotional send-off in the A&E staff room, surrounding a table full of well-wishing notes, leaving gifts, and doughnuts – the treat for staff Bidge would always bring to 'work' with her.

'Angel of the night,' 'life-saver', 'amazing', were a selection of tributes made to Bidge from patients and relatives over the years. But A&E Matron, Will Rowell, fixed upon 'legend', when speaking about her: "That's what she is – a legend. Bidge would always help colleagues, always comfort us when we needed comforting. Always be there to reassure relatives, always know what to say. I am so proud to be able to say: Thank you."

Chief nurse Carolyn Morrice said: "Thirty eight years, that is such dedication. Bidge's achievements here are outstanding and on behalf of the organisation, I want to say a heartfelt 'thank you.'"

"I only came to clear my locker,' Bidge quipped after the event. "Really, I am overwhelmed by this today. It is so, so sad that I am leaving, I can't tell you how sad. I'm just going to have to accept it. It hasn't just been me giving – I have received so, so much. When I have felt low, when I have needed comfort and love I have received it here. Someone would always be on hand to offer me love and comfort."

Over the years it hasn't just been the volunteering – Bidge has raised thousands of pounds to pay for facilities in A&E and also implemented a 999 Teddy Bear Club, where primary school-children would come to visit A&E, sit inside an ambulance and bring their Teddy Bear along to be x-rayed, so they could familiarise themselves with the inside of a hospital.

Along with flowers, a cut-glass bowl and a framed certificate of long-service, it was revealed that the relatives room where Bidge spent 'thousands of nights, talking with thousands of people' is to be renamed, The Bidge Garton Relatives Room – Always Time to Listen. "I am so proud about that. I spent so much time in that room, so many people in there with me, so many memories. It's amazing that the hospital has done that for me."

# Net zero carbon emissions

We're hosting a virtual Environment Week from 12 July for our staff and volunteers

We will showcase our commitment to being the most environmentally responsible organisation possible during a special Environment Week, taking place across all five of our hospital sites, from July 12.

In spite of the challenges of the past 15 months, teams at UHSussex have made real progress and have seen exciting growth from a 'growing greener' perspective.

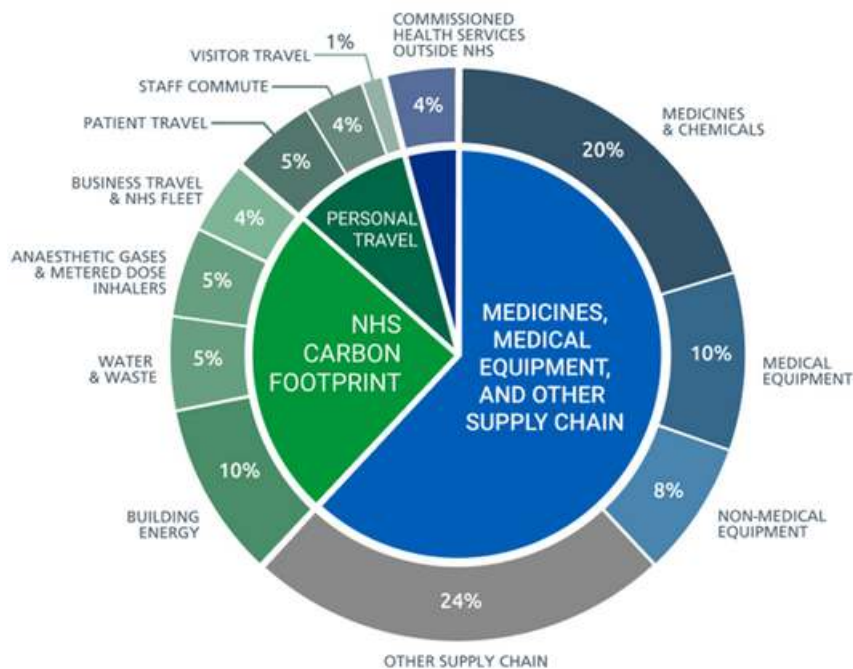
We are developing a new Green Plan as part of the UHSussex Patient First priorities and Environmental Sustainability strategic initiatives.

It will challenge us to reduce our carbon, waste and water footprints, improve air quality and cut down on the use of avoidable single-use plastics. Longer term, the aim is for UHSussex be net zero in terms of the emissions we control by 2040.

An Environmental Sustainability Steering Group is driving our ambitions forward, through six key work streams:

- Business services
- Energy and water
- Travel
- Clinical
- Waste
- 3Ts hospital redevelopment

During our Environment Week, colleagues can learn more about these workstreams and how to get involved as well as moderate our own behaviours to help us all achieve our green goals.



## Welcome to our green ambassadors

We're recruiting new environmental staff champions

Nearly 200 colleagues have stepped forward to become UHSussex green ambassadors.

Hannah Webb, pictured right, recently volunteered. Here's what she and her team are up to...

"I'm an emergency medicine doctor working in Brighton and this year I have set up a green team in A&E to start tackling some of the challenges we face with sustainable healthcare. There are 12 of us altogether.

"I think what drives my colleagues and me is our knowledge that our population health is directly linked to our environment, but at the same time we are constantly using single use plastic, entonox or giving out single use crutches.



Hannah Webb

"This is an uncomfortable feeling and that powers me forward to make changes, both locally and with my work in the Royal College of Emergency Medicine.

"We have started with a few small projects such as paper waste and computer electricity reduction, but watch this space!"

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Project Wingman volunteers in "The Bolthole"

# 'The Bolthole' opens for RSCH staff

**New communal area for colleagues to enjoy named by competition winner Harriet Gould**

A new communal staff room called "The Bolthole" was officially opened at RSCH in May, funded by public donations to the BSUH Charity's 'Help BSUH Hospitals Fight Covid-19' campaign and brought to life in partnership with the Health and Wellbeing team. The name was chosen by Harriet Gould from Cardiac Rehabilitation, who won a competition to christen the room.

A big thank you also goes to Mike Newman of the Capital Development department, who played an integral role in delivering this project.

The room currently hosts Project Wingman, a charity run by airline pilots and crew to support NHS staff with a cup of tea and chance to decompress and chat off the ward.

Health and wellbeing manager, Faye Heffernan was joined by chief nurse Carolyn Morrice at the opening, who said: "It's fantastic that we've been able to provide this lovely new rest space, which will be enjoyed by both clinical and support staff. We are so grateful to the local community whose wonderful support helped us to create this space – thank you."

## Join our AGM on 29 July for a look back at 2020/21

**Chief executive Dame Marianne Griffiths will reflect on the impact of the pandemic**

We do hope you'll be able to join us for our virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 29 July from 4.30-6.15pm. This year, we are combining the two AGMs of our pre-merger organisations, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) and Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WSHT), into a combined event that you can [join and watch with this MS Teams link](#).

The event is formed in two parts, firstly, the joint-AGM with an opportunity to ask questions, followed by a formal meeting of our Council of Governors to receive the Annual Reports and Accounts. Both parts are accessed with the same link.

Chairman, Alan McCarthy MBE, said: "1 April 2020 to March 31 2021 was of course a year like no other. The far-reaching impacts of the pandemic have spread like the virus itself, affecting almost every aspect of our personal and professional lives. The coronavirus crisis has been testing, tiring and at times traumatic. It has also, however, showcased what our staff excel at; an unwavering commitment to patient care, resilience, adaptability, teamwork and, in particular, innovation."

In her opening address, chief executive Dame Marianne Griffiths, will reflect upon the unprecedented circumstances, events and impact of 2020/21.

This will be followed, shortly after 5pm, with a presentation from our clinical teams who ran our hospital vaccination hubs at the height of the second wave in 2020/21. At around 5.30pm, Chief Financial Officer, Karen Geoghegan, will present the Annual Reports and Accounts, followed by our Lead Governor Lyn Camps looking back on the work of the Council of Governors throughout the year.

The Council of Governors meeting starts at 6.15pm. It includes a report from our external auditors before the Council will be asked to accept the Annual Reports and Accounts. Questions can be asked during the event, using the type-in box MS Teams Q&A facility.

# Welcomer to new governors

Congratulations to our new UHSussex governors who are joining us after their successful election. This includes four public governors who bring diverse skills and experience to the trust, and two staff governors whose insights and leadership will be invaluable.

## New public governors

The Brighton governors are chair of Healthwatch Brighton and Hove Frances McCabe and experienced NHS leader and former-BSUH alumni Frank Sims, who is also a trustee of the Sussex Cancer Fund.

Joining them is governor for Horsham Paul Wayne who has a background in business and NHS voluntary experience, and public governor for Mid Sussex Doug Hunt who has previously held the position of governor at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

Look out for details of more public governors soon as our election process continues.

## New staff governors

Emergency Department nurse, Andrew Cook, has worked in clinical care, regulation and a series of nursing leadership roles and joins as a staff governor representing our hospitals in Brighton.

And assistant duty manager in Portering, Chris Pobjoy, will fulfil the role of staff governor for our Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath. He brings with him experience of NHS voluntary sector, hospitality and the motor trade.

# Prompt cards scholar

## Alice swaps ED for Florence Nightingale Scholarship

We catch up with RSCH Emergency Department (ED) senior sister Alice Edmondson to find out more about her place on the prestigious Florence Nightingale Leadership and Quality Improvement Scholarship programme and her exciting plans to develop digital prompt cards for nurses...

### Tell us about yourself...

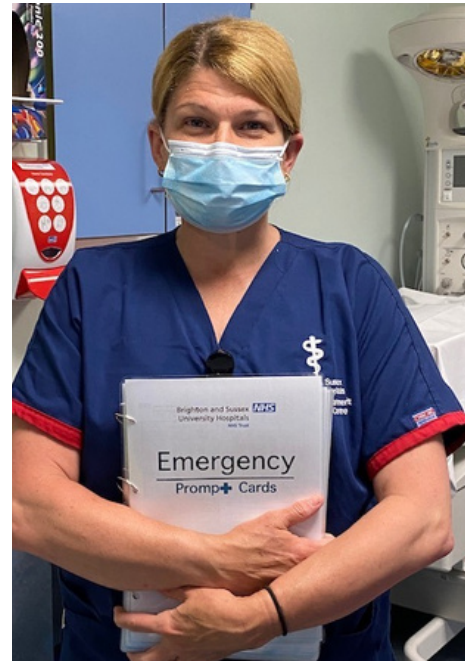
I have worked in my current role as senior sister resus and trauma lead in ED since 2012. This encompasses the overall management of our resuscitation areas. As a band 7, I am also a team leader and really enjoy working with my team.

I qualified in 1993 when I worked on Chichester ward and then in Nepal for a year. I started my ED career when I returned, and have since had other roles as a training officer and site manager. I came back to the ED in 2012 and became part of the team that introduced prompt cards into the department. These are a valuable tool to identify procedures and treatments for many medical conditions.

### What will you focus on?

The main premise of the scholarship programme is to implement a quality improvement project. I will be formulating prompt cards specifically for nurses that I hope to make available through an app. These will incorporate nursing procedures, drug infusions and skills, and will not just be just aimed at the ED as my hope is that I can roll them out throughout the Trust (big aims, I know!) I plan to implement these clinically through a series of skill drills for staff, which I will trial with the ED nurses when I work some clinical shifts during my secondment.

For more information about the FN scholarship programme, visit <https://florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk/scholarships/>



### How did you apply?

The application process was pretty intense and it took me ages as it was January, the department was full on and I was exhausted! I almost gave up, but I am so pleased I persevered. The interview process was via Zoom and I had to do a five minute verbal presentation followed by a Q&A.

The leadership aspect to the programme has already started and this runs concurrently to the 12-month secondment which I am starting on 5 July. Once I start the secondment my current role will be backfilled and I am then funded by the FNF/Health Education England. My day-to-day life will be very different - for the first time in 28 years I won't be on a rota!

### What are you looking forward to?

I am so excited about this opportunity, how I can improve care and enhance learning in the clinical environment and the opportunities this could open for me. I shall miss my ED family, but I will still be around.





## Midwife Kelly Pierce awarded MBE

### Founder of innovative online service, Family Assist, honoured

A recent senior midwifery manager from St Richard's and Worthing Hospitals has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for a service she helped create that helped expectant mums and their families during the pandemic. Kelly Pierce has been honoured by Her Majesty for being the brains behind a digital portal called Family Assist, a one-stop shop of essential information for parents and their families throughout pregnancy, birth and beyond.

Founded in 2017, the portal replaced 'mountains and mountains of leaflets' and enabled families to stay connected on their childbirth journey in a way that hadn't been possible before. In March 2020, when the country went into lockdown, the unique connectivity that Family Assist provides really came into its own.

Kelly's innovation has now been recognised on the recommendation of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, with Kelly being awarded the MBE for services to the NHS, particularly during Covid-19.

Kelly, who now works as head of service and consultant midwife at Solent NHS Trust and Portsmouth City Council was absolutely thrilled to receive the award. She said: "I was so shocked when I received the news in an email. I thought it was spam to begin with! It is such an honour to be recognised in this way. I don't even know who nominated me but I am so humbled that they did and that I have been chosen to receive this award from the Queen.

"I may be the one who is being recognised but it is the whole team who deserve one just as much for everything they have done, especially this past 18 months. I am overwhelmed."

Kelly came up with the idea of Family Assist in 2012, but the idea only received funding in 2017 when Family Assist was developed as a joint working partnership between Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust and West Sussex County Council.



## 25,000 patients captured on film

Senior clinical photographer Trish Reid is retiring after snapping more than 25,000 patients during her career. Starting aged 16 as a trainee medical photographer in Glasgow, Trish's 40 years has seen her photograph: early gender reassignment patients; Harrods bombing victims; and many patients with unusual tumours and rare conditions. Upon leaving the Clinical Media Centre team, Trish said: "I have been very fortunate to work in a job that I love and with many amazing people over the years. I work with an incredible team of clinical photographers. I will miss them all very much!"



## Well done Olga!

Microbiology apprentice and medical laboratory assistant at St Richard's, Olga Podplomyk, has passed her Level 4 Healthcare Science Associate Apprenticeship with a distinction. She has now been promoted to an associate practitioner role. Visit our website for more about apprenticeship opportunities.



# UHSussex charities host NHS Big Tea

It's was time to brew a national thank you on Monday 5 July, said our trust charities

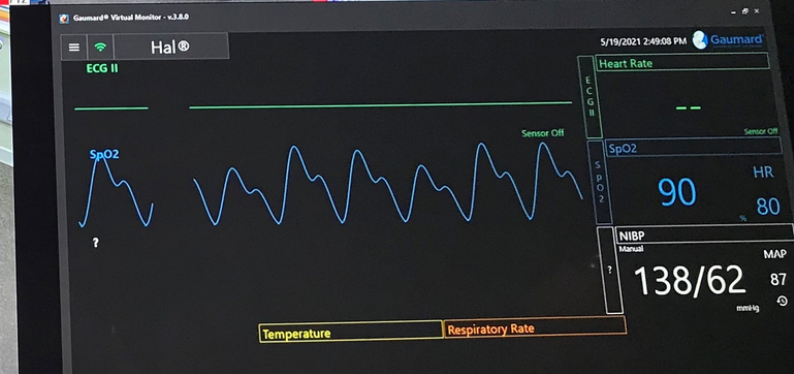
The #NHSBigTea was celebrated on 5 July and NHS Charities across the country invited their communities to join the nation's biggest tea break. We have two charities dedicated to University Hospitals Sussex and both asked their supporters to join in this special day. People could host their own tea party, either virtual or in person, or raise a solo cuppa, all in aid of Love Your Hospital and the BSUH charity.

The charities are invited local people to get creative and send in home-made happy birthday cards, to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the NHS which also took place on 5 July. These will be shared with teams across wards and departments in our hospitals. Find out more about our charities by visiting <https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/charity/> or <https://www.loveyourhospital.org/>.



## Celebrating national Operating Department Practitioner Day

ODPs at St Richard's participated in the national ODP day on 14 May to celebrate their profession and enjoy a special cake provided by the team's managers. This year's theme was 'celebrating personal and professional diversity', encouraging ODPs to share how they came to the profession and highlight challenges of the job.



# New deteriorating patient simulation

Critical care outreach team host new sessions at the Royal Alex simulation suite

This month, the critical care outreach team ran the first 'Deteriorating Patient' simulation session at the Royal Alex simulation suite, with head of resuscitation and simulation services Alex Saunders. The new sessions are part of a blended learning course available on IRIS.

The course is designed to improve the recognition and response to the 'deteriorating patient', by learning how to assess using an A(Airway), B(Breathing), C(Circulation), D(Disability), E(Exposure) approach and

escalate using a structured handover - SBAR (situation, background, assessment, recommendation).

Critical care outreach sister, Lyndsay Habberfield, said: "It was a huge success with all candidates feeding back that the simulation sessions were useful and relevant to practice and enhanced their understanding of 'A' to 'E' assessment and SBAR handover. The sessions will improve their care in the recognition and response to deteriorating patients."

## Princess Royal hosts regional laparoscopy training week

Scores of trainee surgeons attend event

More than 60 trainee surgeons from the Kent, Surrey, London and Sussex region attended the Laparoscopy Training Week in May organised by the Post Graduate Medical Education team at the Princess Royal. Over the course of five days many surgical procedures were simulated using animal tissue specimens with the trainees benefiting from first class training led by our Consultants and Registrars.





Front right, David and Sandra Hill, sat opposite Dame Marianne Griffiths, accompanied by guests

# Serenity Garden opens to public

Worthing Hospital courtyard and its penguin sculptures receive a wonderful makeover

A new memorial garden has opened at Worthing Hospital for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy as a place of solace and calm. The Serenity Garden, located by the Penguin Foyer in the hospital, has been completely transformed into a tranquil space which was previously inaccessible to the public.

The hospital's chaplain, Reverend David Hill and his wife Sandra, commissioned the new garden in loving memory of their sons, Jason and Stuart, who lost their lives in a helicopter accident in 2018.

David said: "After the tragedy of losing both of our grown up children, we became aware there were very few places for people in our hospital who have received bad news to sit and 'be' without attracting the attention of those nearby. For years, I have walked past the Penguin Garden and we started to think about how we could combine our memories to make it a special place for peace and stillness while surrounded by the sights, sounds and smells of nature. The idea of a Serenity Garden was born."

The garden area was officially opened by our chief executive Dame Marianne Griffiths and chief nurse, Dr Maggie Davies on 30 June. Marianne described the garden as "a wonderful gift" which would mean a lot to colleagues.

Garden designer, Luc Harvengt at Luc Gardens, worked with David and Sandra to create a 'woodland experience' with accessibility and privacy at the heart of the design. The beloved metal penguins, a familiar feature to hospital visitors also continue to inhabit the space.

## Notices, events, quick links

### Public Trust Board dates

- Thursday 5 August 2021
- Thursday 4 November 2021
- Thursday 3 February 2022

All meetings take place from 10am to 1.30pm with public questions at the end.

### NHS Discounts for members

Did you know, foundation trust members can [benefit from the NHS Discounts scheme](#)? If you're not already a member, or know someone who may be interested, you can [join us for free online](#).

### Virtual AGM on 29 July

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