

Royal Surrey Supporter



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Dear members and partners,

Welcome to this festive edition of Royal Surrey Supporter and thank you for your support and understanding through 2021, as we and our colleagues in general practice and social care continue to work hard to meet the strong demand for our services.

Please continue to be patient with us – we are all trying to do a good job

for you, and as the meme says: *“The whole world is short staffed, please be kind to those who turned up today!”*

I hope we can all enjoy a winter break with our families this year in a way that wasn't possible last year, and that in the new year we will make further inroads into our waiting lists, building back our services to be even better, more available to all, and to reduce the health inequalities which the pandemic highlighted. We really value your support and the appreciation you have shown to NHS staff during this difficult period. Have a safe, happy and relaxing break.

Sue Sjuve, Chair



Covid technology innovation earns top award

Royal Surrey clinicians and IT experts received the Best Covid-19 Technology Solution award for the implementation of virtual ward rounds

set up to protect patients and staff in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and virtual visiting on Trust and Community Hospital wards. [Read more this fantastic partnership which has mitigated some of the risks associated with Covid-19.](#)



Leadership skills taken to another level

Christina Uwins a surgeon from Royal Surrey has been selected to join the [Healthcare Leadership Academy \(HLA\) Scholars](#) programme, which develops healthcare leaders of the future. [Read more about Christina's amazing accomplishments which earned her this career changing opportunity.](#)



Oxford Handbook publication heads-up

Royal Surrey's Specialist Registrar in oral and maxillofacial surgery, Daniel van Gijn, has completed the mammoth task of writing and illustrating an Oxford Handbook of Head and Neck Anatomy, due to be published in early January. [Read more about this story.](#)



Breast Cancer Unit receives £6,000 donation

A heartfelt thank you to our local Bosom Buddies group who have been actively fundraising for the last 21 years. Their recent annual Ladies Night Dinner Dance event contributed an amazing 🙌 £6,000 towards our Breast Cancer Unit. [Read more about this delightful story here.](#)



Maternity Services a great place to work

Congratulations to our Maternity Services and the Learning & Organisational Development (L&OD) teams who achieved highly commended in the Allocate Awards 2021 after entering the 'creating a great place to work' category. [Read more about how the teams achieved this award.](#)

Support our charity



* This image was taken before Covid-19

Help spread the Christmas spirit

Pledge a Present is back! With your help we are working hard to ensure that those in hospital at Christmas aren't forgotten and by donating to Pledge a Present you can make their Christmas wish come true. 🎁

[You can donate a gift or buy Christmas cards on our Royal Surrey Charity website.](#)