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2021 - a year in review

Despite the huge amount of work we've undertaken in difficult circumstances, 2021 was a year we managed to win some major awards and gain special recognition in the face of adversity.

We won HSJ Awards, a Building Better Healthcare Award and an Allocate Award. We were also recognised by the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer, Unicef UK, the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission and the Healthcare Leadership Academy Scholars programme.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and partners the very best for the year ahead and share some of the highlights of 2021.



JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January saw a quick-thinking response to lockdown with the launch of a drive-through glaucoma monitoring and eye pressure measurement service, thanks to consultant Dan Lindfield and his team. The team used a high-tech portable machine through a car window to keep patients and staff safe.

Nyarai Cheto, a 38-year-old nurse and Royal Surrey patient, was our 100th patient to join the world's biggest trial testing potential treatments for critically ill Covid patients. The trial found that a cheap, widely-available steroid and an anti-inflammatory treatment can together reduce the risk of death for Covid-19 patients.



FEBRUARY

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



MARCH

COVINGERS WOZ
HERE



Jeremy Hunt, MP for South West Surrey and Angela Richardson, MP for Guildford, joined a virtual launch to celebrate Royal Surrey's refurbished Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) and second dedicated obstetric theatre. Ten new bays on SCBU allow parents of premature babies to stay with their little ones 24/7 while they're in hospital.

Draughty and revealing backless hospital gowns were replaced by a new wrap-around style gown with the aim of protecting patients' dignity after Ray Rogers, Deputy Lead Governor at the Trust voiced concerns at an Annual Members' Meeting.



APRIL

HAPPY EASTER





In May we celebrated a stunning transformation in Chilworth outpatients chemotherapy unit with flower murals, a help-yourself refreshments area and new lounge room to make the unit more welcoming and less clinical. The makeover was made possible by donations to the Royal Surrey Charity.

MAY



St Luke's Cancer Centre became one of just nine UK centres of excellence for brain tumour treatment and research. It was awarded the status by the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission set up by the family of politician Dame Tessa Jowell who died of a brain tumour in 2018.



JUNE

HAPPY PRIDE



JULY

We celebrated the first birthday of Guildford Ward, our 20-bed Covid isolation ward, which has proved its worth many times over during the pandemic, becoming literally a life-saver for very sick patients.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY NHS

We became one of the first Trusts in the UK to welcome a robot to our cleaning team. Ella the robot not only cleans large floor areas with fewer chemicals and 70% less water than traditional methods, she can also sing Happy Birthday, tell a joke, rap and chat to passers-by.



AUGUST



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STUDENT NURESE ROCK!





NOVEMBER

Staff from IT and Intensive Care won a Building Better Healthcare Award for Best Covid-19 Technology Solution after setting up virtual ward rounds in lockdown using wipe-clean smartphones and two-way video consultation, allowing one ICU doctor to examine a patient and link to colleagues sat remotely for the ward round.

Hascombe Children's Ward staff took delivery of brand new toys, games, puzzles, quilts and cosy PJs thanks to generous donations from George Abbot Secondary School, Hoe Bridge Secondary School, Woking Football Club, local resident Sally Croft, and the Linus Charity.



DECEMBER

WINTER FEST
DEC 13 - DEC 17

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