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News for our partners, members and communities

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A year in review - highlights of 2021-2022

Thank you to our members and the public for joining our Annual Members' Meeting on Thursday 8 September 2022.

At the event, Chief Executive Louise Stead reflected on the challenging circumstances Royal Surrey faced in 2021-22 and shared highlights of our best moments. Among these was the new Frailty Same Day Emergency Care Facility helping people living with frailty to get the right care more quickly, plans for a new £25m cancer and surgical innovation centre, and £1m funding for a state-of-the-art clinical research facility.

Further information about the Annual Members' Meeting, the work of the Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust and plans for the future can be found on [our website](#).

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In the news



Fountain Centre bids farewell to Chairman

Martin Read, Chairman of the Fountain Centre Charity is retiring after 14 years in post. Stepping down from the post, he said: "Having had the privilege of serving as Chair for 14 years, I feel it is time for a new appointment. We have a great management team with a huge following of volunteers, and we are poised to further extend our reach and expand our scope of services and patient support."

Formed in 1998, the Fountain Centre is an independent charity based in St Luke's Cancer Centre. It supports cancer patients and their families and carers by providing a range of complementary therapies, information and counselling services. The charity's work covers Surrey, Hampshire and West Sussex.

If you are interested in becoming the new Fountain Centre Chairman, please email anne.pike1@nhs.net for more information and a role description.



Guildford MP unveils Royal Surrey ICU display

Angela Richardson, MP for Guildford, visited Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust this month to unveil a new wall display outside the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and raise awareness of organ donation.

The display, commissioned by the Trust's Organ Donation Committee (donated by the Organ Donation Trust), shows the high-tech equipment used to treat ICU patients. It aims to help and reassure patients' loved ones by giving them a better understanding of what each machine does. [Read more here.](#)



Royal Surrey celebrates success of self-removal of catheter project

In a UK first, the Urology team at Royal Surrey has set up an innovative self-removal of catheter option for patients recovering from Robotic Assisted Radical Prostatectomy.

This means patients who are referred from across the South East to have their radical prostatectomy at the Trust do not need to return to hospital for the removal of their catheter seven days after their operation. [Read more.](#)



Madhavi awarded Royal College of Surgeons Research Fellowship

Congratulations to Dr Madhavi Natarajan, a trainee urology surgeon at the Trust, who has been awarded a Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) Research Fellowship.

The award will fund Madhavi to work on her PhD aimed at improving outcomes for bladder cancer patients using new and innovative approaches.

The process of applying for a RCS Fellowship is a rigorous and competitive one and Madhavi was asked to present her PhD to a panel of seven judges who each quizzed her on different aspects of the project.

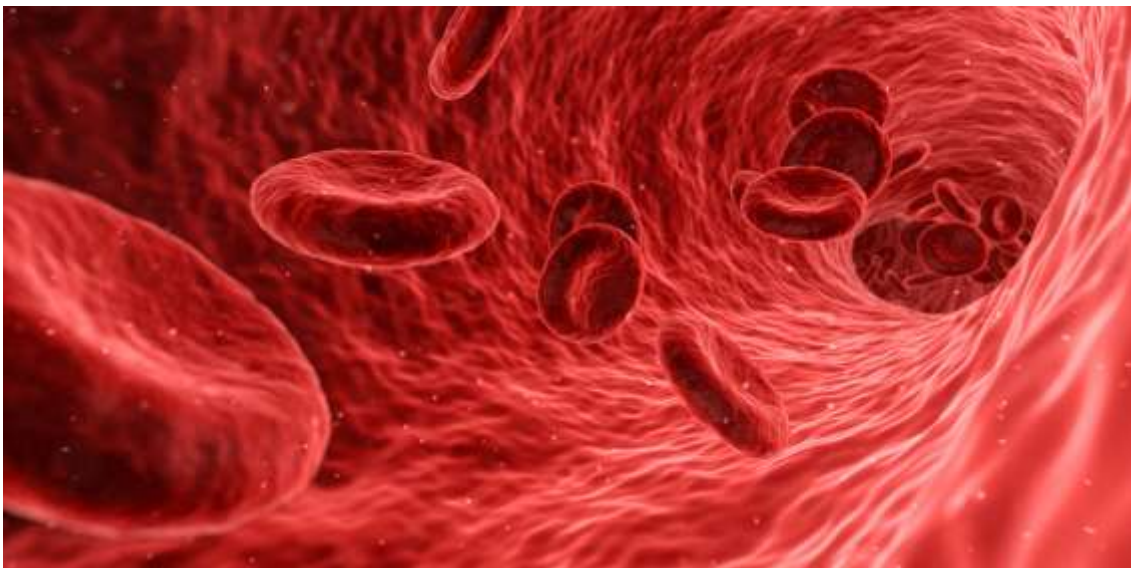
[Read more.](#)



Five enjoy a surprise Long Service Award treat

Five members of staff, who have each devoted more than 25 years to working at our community hospitals, were invited to a surprise Long Service Awards event at Milford Hospital last month.

Jane Howard, Sheila Key, Jenny Watts, Maureen Keenan and Nicky Skinner each received a certificate and gift in recognition of their dedication and hard work. [Read more about their story here.](#)



Support new research into Sepsis

A new research study is being designed, looking at the causes of sepsis – a blood disorder that kills thousands of people every year and costs the taxpayer billions to fight it.

Our research team would like to consult members of the public on their proposed methods of research, and their plans for communicating with patients.

This consultation will take place at Royal Surrey on the afternoon of 7 October. All are welcome, and the team is particularly interested in hearing from people who have had prior experience of surgery, or as a patient in ICU.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to rsc-tr.ResearchAndDevelopment@nhs.net, including your name and phone number. Please include “Sepsis Focus Group” in the subject line.

Support our charity



Stride for Cancer Care – new date confirmed

As a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family, our charity made the decision to postpone its sponsored walk, Stride for Cancer Care. The event will now take place on Sunday 16 October. If you already have a place and have not yet spoken to the fundraising team, please email Sandra.Lowry@nhs.net or call 01483 571122 ext 4438.

Spring Charity Ride

Our charity motorcycle ride, raising money for our Teenage and Young Adult Cancer service, has also been postponed and will now take place on **Sunday 16 April 2023**.

To find out more, please email the event organiser:

sandie.jackson@scas.nhs.uk or visit the [Royal Surrey Charity's website](#).