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Royal Surrey Supporter

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Latest news for our partners, members and communities



Welcome to the first edition of Royal Surrey Supporter for 2023! This will be my last as Chair of the Trust but I will continue to be a member and I suspect I will always feel part of the Royal Surrey family.

For the last six years, it has been a real privilege to do a job I love, working with dedicated, skilled, altruistic, funny and lovely people!

I will miss the Trust but change is good and I am delighted to tell you that

my successor, Joss Bigmore, is going to be great if his work ethic, enthusiasm and style are anything to go by! Joss starts on 1 March and will combine this role with his role as Deputy Leader of Guildford Borough Council. This can only help with the integrated working between the local authority and health.

If you want to get more involved yourself, I would like to direct you to two opportunities.

Consider becoming a volunteer and joining our wonderful team who provides a valuable service for our patients. More information about how our volunteers make a difference and how to join can be found on our [website](#).

Stand for election as a public or staff governor. We are also recruiting new governors in the following constituencies:

Public: Mole Valley – 2 seats

Public: East Hampshire – 2 seats

Public: Elmbridge – 1 seat

Staff: Ancillary, Administration & Other – 1 seat

Nominations open 24 February 2023. Visit our [website](#) for information about the role of a governor and how the nomination and election process works.

You could not work with a better organisation or a more fabulous group of people!

Enjoy this special edition of the Royal Surrey Supporter.

Special edition 2022 - A Year in Review

January



In January, we shared news that we had treated a cervical cancer patient with the aid of artificial intelligence (AI) in a UK first. The AI technology uses daily CT scans to target the specific areas that need radiotherapy. This helps to avoid damage to healthy tissue and limit side-effects.

o New year! 🌱

February




o Valentine's Day ♥️

We celebrated 25 years since Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh officially opened St Luke's Cancer Centre at Royal Surrey County Hospital, on 21 February 1997.

March





o Mother's Day 

 The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) awarded £1m to our Trust and our partner the University of Surrey to form a new NIHR Clinical Research Facility. The facility will expand the shared medical research capabilities of the hospital and university, providing dedicated space, specialist equipment and skilled staff to support early-stage clinical research, including first-in-human clinical trials.

April




 In April, we announced an extra 25,000 people in Surrey, West Sussex and Hampshire borders had participated in bowel cancer screening. The Surrey Bowel Cancer Screening Centre, hosted by our Trust, was one of the first in England to reduce the screening age to 56 years old.

o Easter 

May



Our Trust Chair, Sue Sjuve, was awarded a Fellowship of the University of Surrey for her outstanding contribution to Royal Surrey and the benefits her work has brought to Guildford residents and the wider region.

oNurses' day 

June



o PRIDE

In June, we shared our £6.2million plans to expand and modernise our St Luke's Cancer Centre, which is a major regional cancer treatment centre. The plans for the hospital's St Luke's Cancer Centre double the amount of clinical space to support the increasing demand for its cancer services.



July



In a UK first, during summer 2022 doctors at Royal Surrey treated their 5,000th prostate cancer patient with brachytherapy - radioactive 'seeds' implanted in or near a tumour to treat cancer. This is an alternative treatment to surgery that can have fewer side effects.

NHS BIRTHDAY 

August

A group of 14 amazing fundraisers, including eight brave staff from Royal Surrey, leapt an impressive 10,000ft out of a plane to raise money for Royal Surrey Charity.



 SUMMER ◦

September



Remembering Her Majesty 

We welcomed Angela Richardson, MP for Guildford to the Trust to unveil a new wall display outside the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to 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.

October



We received a very special visit from Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. She came to find out more about our outstanding-rated maternity unit, where she met staff and patients to hear about our work with pregnant women and new mothers.

Black History Month

November



Remembrance Day

We celebrated our hard working staff with the Royal Surrey Stars awards in November.

We received 350 nominations from colleagues and patients across 16 categories. These were whittled down to a shortlist of finalists who were invited to attend the awards ceremony, which was held at Guildford Cathedral.

December

We opened our new 'Changing Places' toilet designed for young people and adults with severe and multiple Learning Disabilities and people with a range of physical disabilities or mobility issues.

The high-tech loo has an adult-sized changing bench with privacy screen, a hoist, and a toilet with a self-cleaning function.

Christmas

