



Members' mail – May 2019

Welcome from Peter Hollins, chair at UHS

We all know that medicine has achieved amazing things in recent years and that we are now able to treat conditions which previously would have been fatal or life-changing. With this comes the need to train clinicians to use very sophisticated techniques. In order to develop and maintain their skills they need to be applying them continuously, rather than every now and then.

The effect of this is that some really exciting new treatments are going to be available in specialist centres rather than in every locality. Some will want to present this as being driven by the need to save money, but I think it's all about making sure that patients get the highest quality care possible.

We are very lucky in Southampton as we are a large Trust with fantastic clinicians and many new treatments in development. As members of University Hospital Southampton you can help raise awareness of these changes by sharing with friends and family about what these mean for the future and how specialist services might be offered in a variety of locations rather than all in the same place.

You can read more about the NHS long term plan by clicking [here](#).

Members' evening - your invitation

In recognition of Clinical Trials Day which takes place this month, we are dedicating our May members' evening to finding out more about some of the amazing research taking place at University Hospital Southampton. This evening will include three speakers sharing their stories and the work they are doing to improve outcomes for patients.

Speakers include:

- Nick Curzen, professor of interventional cardiology and consultant cardiologist

- Alex Aarvold, consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeon
- Susan Restorick-Banks, a member of the public who has been involved in patient and public involvement (PPI) in research

The event will take place on Monday, 20 May from 6pm to 8pm in the Heartbeat Education Centre lecture theatre, F level, North Wing, Southampton General Hospital.

These events are free to attend and you are welcome to bring guests. If you are parking on site, we can also provide you with a pass to exit for free. If any of your guests aren't members, they are still welcome to attend and there will be sign-up forms available on the evening if they would like to join.

This event is also open to all University Hospital Southampton staff and their friends and families.

If you wish to book a place at this event, please email the [membership team](#) or call 023 8120 5957.

There is also a [Facebook event page](#) that you can share with friends and family on social media.

Meet your governors

As a Foundation Trust, we have public, staff and appointed governors who represent the views of our members, our staff and the local community on the Council of Governors. In order to gather these views, we have planned numerous drop-in sessions to give you the chance to meet your governor, share your ideas and give any feedback. You can also attend these to find out more about upcoming governor elections and how you can nominate yourself.

We have already held sessions at Southampton General Hospital and Royal South Hants Hospital, as well as on the Isle of Wight, where we plan to hold more over the coming months.

Upcoming sessions are all from 10.30am to 2pm.

- Monday, 13 May: [Southampton General Hospital main reception](#)
- Thursday, 16 May: [Lymington New Forest Hospital main reception](#)
- Thursday, 6 June: [Lymington New Forest Hospital main reception](#)

Maternity Voices partnership: share your feedback on using our maternity services

We'd like to invite you to an informal coffee morning to give feedback of your experience while using our maternity services during your antenatal period, the birth and postnatal.

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits as well as free parking. Babies are welcome to come too.

If you would like to attend, please contact Lorna Bird on 023 8120 6834 or 023 8120 6052. You can also email maternityinfo&supportservices@uhs.nhs.uk.

You can also visit the [Facebook event page](#).

Medicines helpline survey

The Trust's medicines helpline team would like to get your views on the service, even if you have never used it or heard about it before. The survey will only take a few moments to complete and can be accessed [here](#).

If you ever have any questions about medication that has been prescribed by University Hospital Southampton, please call the medicines helpline on 023 8120 6907.

Hospital trust rated 'good' by health watchdogs following inspection

Health watchdogs have rated University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust as 'good' overall following a recent inspection – and 'outstanding' for providing effective services.

The Care Quality Commission visited the city's hospitals in December and January to assess a range of areas across Southampton General and the Princess Anne hospitals, as well as the New Forest Birth Centre. Inspectors also reviewed the Royal South Hants Hospital, where UHS provides some outpatient services.

Following the visit, all sites and services across the organisation are now rated as 'good' in the effective and caring domains, with Southampton General Hospital 'outstanding' in these areas.

[Read more](#)

Contact your governors

If you have any views, ideas or experiences that you'd like to share with your local governor, you can get in touch with them by emailing uhsgovernor@uhs.nhs.uk

If you'd like to find out who your local governors are then please click this [link](#).

News from your Trust

We're a busy Trust with lots happening every day. To read about our latest news items and articles, please use the links below:

- Hospital trust shares digital initiatives with government's top technology adviser: [read more](#)

- Doctors call for better use of weekend healthcare services following surge in hospital attendances: [read more](#)
- Hospital trust recognised nationally for improving care for older patients: [read more](#)
- Lead healthcare scientist wins national award: [read more](#)
- Saints squad visits Southampton's hospitals: [read more](#)
- Doctors pioneer enhanced MRI scan for babies with brain injury: [read more](#)
- Southampton's 'twin surgeon' model revolutionises children's kidney stone treatment: [read more](#)
- Hospital trust's women's and maternity care rated among best in the world: [read more](#)

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Dates for your diary

The next **Trust Board** will be held on **Thursday, 30 May 2019** from 9 to 11am in the Heartbeat Education Centre conference room, F level, North Wing, Southampton General Hospital. Members of the public are welcome to observe.

The next **Council of Governors meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 9 July 2019** from 4.30 to 6.30pm in the Heartbeat Education Centre conference room, F level, North Wing, Southampton General Hospital. Members are welcome to observe.

We hope you've enjoyed reading our newsletter but if you'd like to unsubscribe or would like to share any feedback with us, please email UHSmember@uhs.nhs.uk