



Members' mail – January 2019

Happy New Year from University Hospital Southampton

2018 was a big year for the Trust and we would like to thank you for all your support and involvement over the last 12 months. There are lots of things planned for 2019 and we look forward to sharing more with you shortly.

As usual if you have any ideas or suggestions about talks you would like us to hold, venues or events you would like to see us at or anything else, please email the [membership team](#).

Members' evening - your invitation

For our first members' evening of 2019, we have decided to look back at some of the big stories and achievements from within the Trust over the last 12 months and will be showcasing some of the amazing work that happened at University Hospital Southampton.

Topics include:

- a fascinating insight into the eye unit's latest research projects and how they are helping to improve outcomes for patients
- a behind the scenes talk on the recently launched specialist emergency assessment unit for older patients and how it is improving the quality of care older people receive in an emergency
- a discussion on the importance of resuscitation awareness and the work of the resuscitation services team at UHS

The event will take place on Monday, 21 January 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 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.

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.

Upcoming members' events in 2019

In order to help you plan your diary, we have set the dates for the 2019 [members' evenings](#).

- 18 March
- 20 May
- 23 July
- 23 September (annual members' meeting)
- 18 November

Congratulations: UHS staff recognised in New Year Honours

Three staff based at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust have been recognised in the New Year Honours list.

Professor Huon Gray, a consultant cardiologist and national clinical director for heart disease for NHS England, was awarded a CBE for services to cardiology.

Dr Stephen Wootton, an associate professor in human nutrition and a member of the NIHR Southampton Biomedical Research Centre, was awarded an OBE for services to nutrition and physical exercise.

Jocelyn Walters, a research manager at UHS and a founder member of the National Cancer Research Network, was awarded an MBE for services to cancer research.

Improving patient and visitor experience is at the heart of a major project at UHS

The communications team is leading an exciting transformation of our public website with the aim of giving patients easy access to the information they need, whilst showcasing our excellent care and innovations.

To help us build a site that delivers on these ambitions we would like our members to be among the first to test out the new-look site. We are keen to hear feedback about how easy the website is to navigate and what you think of the new layout.

The development team will be running user testing sessions throughout the day and early evening on Wednesday, 30 January at Southampton General Hospital. If you would like to be involved, please email webmaster@uhs.nhs.uk with your contact

details including a daytime telephone number so that a convenient time slot can be arranged.

Contact your governors

Did you know that as a member you are encouraged to share your views, ideas and experiences of UHS with your local governors? We have four constituencies: Southampton City; New Forest, Eastleigh and Test Valley; Isle of Wight; and Rest of England and Wales – all of which have governors who represent you.

If you'd like to find out who your local governors are then please click this link.

If you would like to contact your local governor(s), you can do so by emailing UHSgovernor@uhs.nhs.uk

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:

- Doctors develop comic sequel for diabetes patients: [read more](#)
- Southampton doctors in world-first trial of new nose drop to fight meningitis: [read more](#)
- Southampton Children's Hospital becomes first to offer Duke of Edinburgh's Award to patients: [read more](#)
- Southampton Children's Hospital to be part of BBC's superhero celebrations: [read more](#)
- Hospital trust launches specialist emergency assessment unit for older patients: [read more](#)
- Doctors develop app to predict risk of asthma in children: [read more](#)
- Liver expert warns Dry January can be "perfect decoy" for problem drinkers: [read more](#)

To see and read more of our news, please [visit our website](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) or find us on [Facebook](#).

Dates for your diary

The next **Trust Board** will be held on **Thursday, 31 January 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 **Thursday, 24 January 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