

# News Round Up

Hello and welcome to our News Round Up - a briefing designed to keep local residents, patients and our health and social care partners up-to-date with the latest news from our hospitals.

## A welcome from Chief Executive Daniel Elkeles



Welcome to our third edition of the News Round Up - I can barely believe that, after one of the busiest winters the NHS has ever faced, spring is almost upon us and the end of the financial year is just around the corner. For us, this time of year is all about reflecting on the things that we have done well over the past 12 months and looking ahead to all of the opportunities and challenges of the coming year.

There are a number of exciting developments coming up, and as I write this, the final preparations are being made for the delivery of our brand new CT scanner at St Helier Hospital. It's an investment of almost £1.2 million, but it means that we have greater capacity to see more patients, and has allowed us to create a space that will really work for our staff.

This is a fantastic example of putting the patient first, with lots of different teams working together to make sure this huge project is delivered on time and in the best way possible. This has been made possible thanks to collaboration between our Projects Department, our clinical staff and the Estates Team. Look out for the next edition of the News Round Up, as I'm sure we'll have some pictures to share by then.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this newsletter, and if you do have any comments or questions for us (suggestions are welcome!), then please email [communications@esth.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@esth.nhs.uk).

## New Beginnings start with us

Pioneer of fertility treatment, TV presenter and author, Professor Robert Winston declared the new Assisted Conception Unit at St Helier officially open recently.

The new £750,000 unit - officially known as Beginnings - offers services involved in assisted conception and IVF (where an egg is removed from the woman's ovaries, fertilised with sperm in a laboratory and then returned to the womb to develop) to people who are struggling to conceive, and those who want to use a donor to help make their family complete.

Professor Winston and his colleague Mr Raul Margara MD were met by the trust's Chief Executive Daniel Elkeles, Joint Medical Director Dr Ruth Charlton and Clinical Director for

Gynaecology Mrs Carolyn Croucher (who worked as a senior registrar with Professor Winston and Mr Margara at the Hammersmith Hospital) before going on a tour of the unit and declaring the department officially open.

Professor Winston said: "I am privileged and honoured to be here today to declare your new unit officially open. The work that we do changes peoples' lives immeasurably, in such a wonderful way.



"The NHS is run on integrity and a commitment to high quality care, and so it's fantastic to see this new unit open, especially as I know that it is staffed with some wonderful people. Keep up the good work!"

Ms Croucher said: "I am incredibly proud that we can offer local people the full range of assisted conception and IVF services. And as a parent, I can say with conviction that some of my most treasured memories are of my children. So to have this job, which allows me to help others become parents, is just wonderful.

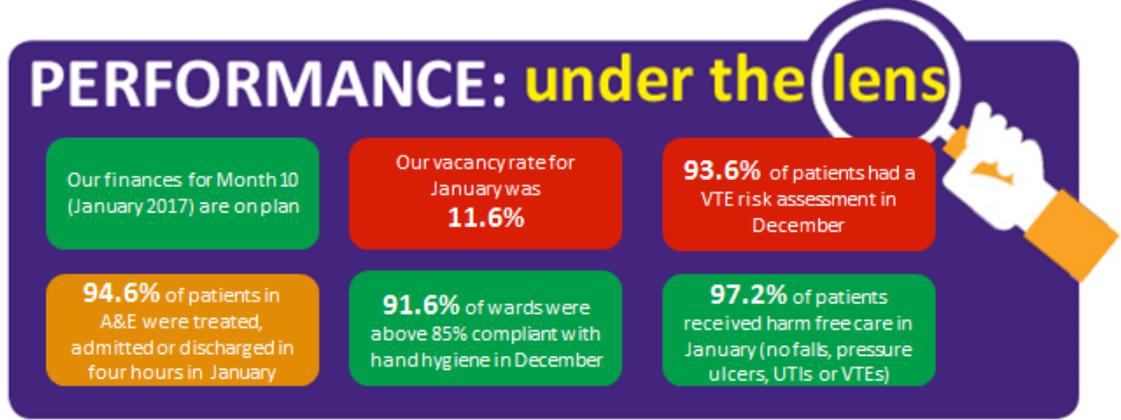
"All of the staff are very proud of Beginnings and the work that we do here. For people who are desperate for a baby, struggling to conceive or looking for a donor, it can be an incredibly difficult time - we want to be able to make the process as simple as it possibly can be. Thanks to our new unit, we'll be able to offer local people an expert assisted conception service in a warm, supportive environment."

Mum-to-be Jessica Murphy, who is set to be one of the first parents helped by the unit, was also at the celebration. Describing her experience of Beginnings, Jessica said: "It's just a little miracle. This could have been a difficult time for me and my husband, but every member of staff has just been incredible - from the receptionists to the most senior doctor, they have all been fantastic. We have laughed every time we have come in. I know that we've been very lucky for this to have happened so quickly, and to live locally to such a fantastic NHS service."

If you would be interested in being seen in the new Assisted Conception Unit, please see your GP in the first instance, who will be able to refer you to the service.

## A spotlight on our performance

Every month, we put our performance as an organisation 'under the lens'. We take a closer look at our achievements and challenges against a number of key standards and share that information with all staff. Our latest performance data is below:



## £150,000 outpatient department now open

A brand new outpatient department, complete with a modern and spacious waiting area and four appointment rooms, has opened at St Helier Hospital following a £150,000 investment from the Trust.



The new area is located on the ground floor of Ferguson House (F Block), and with two more consultancy rooms due to open in early summer, the new department is set to keep building on its early success.

In addition to the outpatient department being great news for those waiting for a general adult outpatient appointment - the investment is also fantastic news for those who have come

to us for an emergency or planned CT scan. The creation of the new outpatient department means that there is now enough space to install the hospital's second CT scanner in spring (as mentioned in Daniel's message above) - meaning that patients who need these specialist scans can be seen and treated faster than ever before.

## It's a family affair - obstetrician delivers two generations of the same family

A local family has said it was "fate" that enabled an Epsom and St Helier hospitals obstetrician to deliver five members of their clan over 25 years and two generations.

Dr Madhab Saha, who began practising medicine back in 1974 and specialises in obstetrics and gynaecology, has helped to deliver approximately 2,000 babies during his 43-year

career.

In 1991, Madhab delivered Georgia Anthony, followed by her twin siblings Courtney and Oliver in 1993, and brother Frederick in 1995. Then "by chance" in December 2016 he delivered his fifth member of the Anthony family, Georgia's son Ronnie. All five of the family were born by caesarean at Epsom Hospital.



Madhab, who entered semi-retirement seven years ago, said he feels a special connection to the Anthony

family. He explained: "I couldn't believe how my involvement in the arrival of Ronnie happened as in 2010 I began working part-time, so I am only at Epsom once or twice a week - being around on that day to help Georgia really was by chance! I didn't know I had delivered five members of her family over two generations, something which when I think about it is quite amazing.

"I hope I am still around at Epsom to deliver another member of the Anthony family - I feel so connected to them all. I'd like to send little Ronnie, Georgia and the family my best wishes - I hope they are all continuing to thrive!"

Georgia's mum Ruth said the "amazing" Madhab is like family to them and they cannot thank him enough for all he has done. She explained: "I was my daughter's birthing partner and I recognised Madhab as he was walking around the ward with another consultant, and I said to him 'you're not going to believe this you delivered my daughter 25 years ago.' He hasn't changed at all; Madhab is such a kind and caring man.

"He wasn't meant to be working that day, he just came in by chance saw Georgia and stayed to deliver Ronnie. Madhab always comes back to you and explains his decisions and he popped in to check on Georgia and pose for pictures with us after Ronnie was born. I've already said I am going to text him to be on standby if Georgia does decide to have another baby!"

Georgia added: "Having Madhab on hand made me feel safe and helped the experience of giving birth for the first time be so much easier. Madhab is an incredible doctor with many "amazing" achievements he should be proud of over his 43 years in medicine."

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