

KHFT Newsbytes



Christmas Light Switch On

The countdown to Christmas has officially started at the hospital. Staff, patients and members of the public all joined in the festivities at our *Lights Switch On*. Archie Monk, one of our Paediatric patients, with his brother George turned on the lights. There was a magical atmosphere, Father Christmas and his elves were there, and lots of children enjoyed sitting in his sleigh. There were mince pies and mulled wine and great carol signing by Corpus Christi Primary School choir and the Surbiton High School saxophonists played some festive tunes.

Wishing all our Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New Albany Unit

We have officially opened our Albany Unit, a new urology diagnostic clinic on Level 3 of the Kingston Surgical Centre. The unit runs adult and paediatric clinics and offers a one stop shop for assessment and investigation of common conditions. The new service is able to provide a complete assessment to be undertaken in one place during one patient appointment.

Boots Pharmacy Open On-site

Our new Outpatient and A&E Pharmacy is now open and will help improve the patient experience by reducing waiting times, providing more choice about where patients can get their medicines and access to more trained pharmacists on the hospital site. The new Boots UK pharmacy service is just one part of a plan to rebuild and carry out improvements to the Hospital's Main Outpatients. You can read more [here](#).

New Governors

Following our elections, we are pleased to welcome our seven new Governors who have officially taken up their roles. The Hospital's Council of Governors is made up of 33 members, including 17 public governors, 4 staff governors and 12 appointed governors representing our stakeholders including local councils, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Kingston University. To read more about the role of the Council of Governors and to find a list of our current Governor visit our [website](#).

The next Council of Governors Meeting is on Wednesday 21 January 2014 at 6pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Level 5 of the Kingston Surgical Centre.

Royal Eye Unit Talk & Tour

The Royal Eye Unit will be holding a talk and tour early next year. The team are happy to cover any topics that our Members would like to hear about from common eye problems, information about specific conditions such as glaucoma, or even provide a tour of the unit with practical demonstrations of their equipment. Please [email us](#) with your suggestions. The date will be publicised in the January Newsbytes.

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