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Kingston Hospital's Careers Day — Date for the Diary

It's our Careers Day on Saturday 20 May between 11am - 3pm. The day will focus on the many different careers within the NHS and at Kingston Hospital. Come along to find out more information around how you can join Kingston Hospital and what roles are available. A day not to be missed!

Kingston Hospital's Staff Survey Results Best in South West London—Making Progress Together

Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is delighted to announce the results of its annual national staff survey, and the findings reveal that its staff are happier than other acute Trusts in South West London. Kingston Hospital scored in the top 20% of all acute Trusts for 13 key areas and has seen significant improvements and positive results in 55 areas, findings that are head and shoulders above other neighbouring Trusts. The survey also saw an increase in the number of staff completing the survey, with a high response rate of 51%. This is one of the highest response rates in the country and equates to an increase of 300 of our staff members participating in the survey. To read more please visit our website.

<https://tinyurl.com/lzx98da>

Membership Events

We are holding a Dementia Talk at the Trust on Thursday 18th May from 6.00pm – 7.00pm in Lecture Theatre 1, Level 5, Kingston Surgical Centre, Kingston Hospital. Olivia Frimpong our Dementia Lead will be talking about Dementia awareness and what we are doing at the Trust. We are also holding a Skin Talk on Wednesday 7th June from 6.00-7.00pm, Saskia Reeken, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Cancer Services, will be leading the talk. This is an opportunity to find out how you can keep your skin healthy and what you should look out for. To register for either of these events please email ftmembership@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk or call 0208 934 3843/3613.

London Hospitals Food Report

The Campaign for Better Hospital Food has published a report looking at the quality of food in London's hospitals. The Trust's transformation of its menus and the food offered to patients is featured as a positive case study and the Trust is one of 15 out of 39 hospitals meeting all of the hospital food standards. The case study highlights the introduction of a seasonal menu, which better reflects patients tastes and includes lighter options, homemade soups, freshly baked cakes and toast and scrambled eggs for breakfast every day and bacon and sausage at the weekends. It also highlights the finger food menu introduced for patients with dementia and a new menu for children. The Trust's new menus were the subject of a positive article on the BBC News website. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-39353379>

Patient Safety Awards Shortlist

Kingston Hospital has been shortlisted in three categories of this year's HSJ Patient Safety awards. Maternity has been shortlisted in two - Patient Safety in Maternity and Midwifery Services and Education and Training. The first is for a programme of work to train staff in cardiotocography (CTG monitoring) to improve neonatal outcomes and reduce unnecessary intrapartum interventions and the second for cardiotocography training to improve birth outcomes. The Urology surgical team has been shortlisted in the Cancer Care category for a quality improvement project which focused on whether a sufficient amount of bladder muscle was included in the bladder tumour resections. This is clinically important as muscle is needed to appropriately stage cancer and guide subsequent treatment. The winners will be announced on the 4th July 2017.

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Kingston Hospital seeking new volunteers for discharge project

The Volunteering team at Kingston Hospital, who have been shortlisted for a 2017 HSJ Value in Healthcare award, is once again recruiting volunteers to offer emotional, practical and social support to older patients when they are discharged from hospital. Volunteers will give up their time once a week to make a real impact on the lives of older people.

To find out more or offer your time please contact Sarah Mills on 0208 934 3053 or dischargevolunteers@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk or visit <https://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering/volunteer-vacancies.aspx> to apply to volunteer. Deadline for current round of applications is 21st April 2017.

Trust Board Meeting

The next Trust Board Meeting is on Wednesday 24th May at 09.30, Seminar Room 1, Level 5 of the Kingston Surgical Centre. <https://tinyurl.com/k8dunzy>

Elections to the Council of Governors

Later in the year we will be holding elections to our Council of Governors. There will be elections in the following constituencies: Kingston, Richmond, Elmbridge, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton, rest of Surrey & Greater London We will hold information sessions for those interested, if you are interested in standing for election please contact FTMembership@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk to be informed of the dates for information sessions.

More information on the Council of Governors can be found here: <https://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/our-trust/council-of-governors.aspx>

Norbiton Station Closure

The Trust is working closely with SW Trains to plan for the closure of Norbiton Station which will be closed between the 5th and 28th August as part of the upgrade of Waterloo Station. The Trust is keen to ensure that staff and patients are still able to access the hospital and are aware of the alternative transport options in place from New Malden and Kingston stations, which will be open. There will be further information provided as the plans are finalised.

Governor Drop in Sessions

We are holding regular Governor Drop In Sessions at the Hospital to give patients and visitors the chance to meet the Governors of the Hospital and provide feedback about our services. The next session will be taking place on Tuesday 9th May from 2-3.30pm, Main Entrance. For more information please email ftmembership@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk

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