

KHFT Newsbytes



Christmas at Kingston

This year we have Christmas trees on all the wards which were donated by our linen supplier Berendsen as well as a 15 ft real tree donated by our PFI partner PRIME. The lights were officially switched on, on the 4th December by TV Presenters Angellica Bell and Michael Underwood, who live locally. There was also carols from Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School Choir.

Making visiting at Kingston Hospital better for everyone

Our priority is caring for our patients, but we understand the important role played by visitors in their lives. We have changed our visiting times to provide more flexibility for families and friends to visit and spend time with their loved ones. Our general visiting times for wards departments are now (except for Paediatrics Open Visiting for Parents, ICU 2pm to 8pm and Maternity 3pm-8pm): **9.00am to 12.00pm** and **2.00pm to 8.00pm** Please visit our [website](#) for more details.

Dining Companions

The Trust has an increasing number of patients requiring help with eating and support at mealtimes and we have recruited more volunteers on the wards to help, known as Dining Companions. Ensuring that our patients are supported at mealtimes plays such a key role in helping them to get better and we are also encouraging families and friends to come in and help.

We need more help for dinner at 5.30pm meal throughout the week and if you would like to get involved please contact Richard Coxon—details below.

Dementia Strategy

In September 2013 the Hospital hosted two half day conferences, attended by almost 200 carers, members of staff and health partners. All the information from the conferences has helped us to formulate a Dementia Strategy to ensure that we provide consistently excellent care to our patients who have dementia. More details can be found on our [website](#).

Free Members Health Talk

Justine Sweet, Head of Audiology, will give a talk on Tinnitus on Monday 27th January at 7pm in Lecture Theatre 1, 5th Floor Education Centre, Kingston Surgical Centre, Kingston Hospital.

All are welcome to attend. To book a place, please contact Richard Coxon on 0208 934 3620 or by email: richard.coxon@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk

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