



Inside Story



**James Paget
University Hospitals**
NHS Foundation Trust

News from the JPUH Governors

Governor Reflections

This will be the final edition produced by the current Council of Governors as our term in office ends on 31st August.

Due to the pandemic our activities over the last 18 months have been very restricted with virtual meetings and no opportunities to meet face to face. Despite these restrictions we have continued to meet our statutory responsibilities. This included the appointment of two Non Executive Directors and the external auditors KPMG. The lead governor participated in the appraisals of the Chair and the Council contributed, as stakeholders, to the JPUH Quality Report and development of the patient engagement strategy.

This past year has been a completely different experience for those governors who had served a previous term in office. Unfortunately, we were unable to go out to meet members of the community so could not visit libraries, supermarkets and various events as we did previously, as part of our "Meet the Governor" initiative. This is something that we really missed doing and hope that the new Council will be afforded the opportunity to do this with the easing of restrictions.

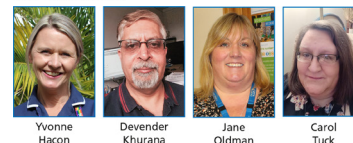
Appointed Governors (x5)



Public Governors (x10)



Staff Governors (x4)



JPUH is "Veteran Aware"

The James Paget University Hospital has recently been accredited as "Veteran Aware", acknowledging their commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community.

This will help to drive improvements in NHS care for people who serve or have served in the UK armed forces and their families. Pictured is Paul Morris, Director of Nursing & Patient Safety with the logo.



Council of Governors' elections

The process is underway for a new Council from 1 September.

Nine Trust members put themselves forward for 10 Public Constituency vacancies, so all are automatically elected without the need for election packs to be sent to members. More information will be available on the new Council in Your Trust News coming out to you in October.



Where You come first

New treatment for colonoscopy patients

The James Paget is among hospitals around the country who are trialling new capsule cameras which patients will be able to swallow, rather than have a traditional colonoscopy.

With traditional colonoscopy patients need to attend hospital where a tube containing a camera is inserted into their body. The miniature camera capsules, which are no bigger than a pill, will allow patients with urgent colonic symptoms to be checked for cancer in a non-invasive way, allowing them to go back home, away from the hospital, while the test is in progress. While initially only a relatively small number of people will be suitable for the trial, it is hoped that this may lead to camera capsules being used more widely across the NHS as, for some symptoms, it is an alternative to conventional colonoscopy.

At the James Paget, implementation of this service is a collaboration between Colorectal surgery and the Endoscopy Unit supported by the Research department. Pictured are patients Patricia Nichols and Lisa Hobbs who took part in the trial.



Colorectal Straight To Test service

A new service that aims to see those with Bowel Cancer symptoms more quickly has been set up at the James Paget and has already halved the time in which some patients are being diagnosed.

The new Colorectal Straight To Test service aims to ensure patients with symptoms are diagnosed much more quickly, with some of the first on the new pathway going from referral to diagnosis in



just 22 days. A quicker diagnosis can mean faster progress to treatment, or surgery at our hospital, and lead to better patient outcomes. Pictured are some of the JPUH Colorectal team.

Thank you from Governors Jane and Lyn

On a personal note, we would like to take this opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed our time as Governors.

During our terms in office, Jane, (lead governor) 10 years and Lyn, (deputy lead governor) seven years, it has been our privilege to be your voice at the Paget and to be part of the hospital's journey in achieving a good rating from CQC.

Since 2018, we have been responsible for producing "Inside Story" and the briefing that goes out after every Council of Governors meeting. We hope that you have found these informative and enjoyed reading them. We have had the opportunity to meet and talk to many of you, allowing us to take your views back to the Paget. This valuable feedback has been shared and used to review processes and, in some cases, improve services for you as users of the hospital. In the changing face of the NHS there will be new challenges and changes ahead and we wish the James Paget and the new Council of Governors every success in meeting these.



If you'd like any further information about any of these articles, or if you'd like to make any comment, good or not so good about the James Paget University Hospital, please do not hesitate to contact us on our email address, which is governors@jpaget.nhs.uk You can also become a member of the Trust.

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