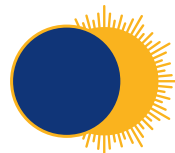




Our year
2022



Royal Hospital for
Neuro-disability



Welcome to the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN)

Founded in 1854 by Andrew Reed, we are one of the oldest, independent charity hospitals in the UK. Today we continue as a charity hospital and research centre, caring for adults with complex brain injuries and neurological conditions.

These life-changing disabilities can be the result of a stroke, an accident, a heart or asthma attack or a condition like locked-in syndrome. We provide our patients and residents with rehabilitation, specialised long-term care and innovative technologies – all of which work together to provide a full circle of care.

In addition to being an established specialist in neuro-disability, we are also a charity. Our charitable income enables us to offer extra services and therapies which further enhance the lives of our patients and residents. These extras include:

- assistive technologies and devices that allow patients to communicate in person and online
- a bespoke wheelchair service that ensures every patient/resident has the right mobility solution for them
- our Leisure and Families Service would normally run weekly interest groups and organise trips/holidays, which sadly has not been possible this year due to COVID-19.

As we believe in looking at a person as a whole, choice and communication are integral to everything we do and the decisions we make. Though levels of ability are different from person to person, we work to provide the best possible quality of life for everyone entrusted to our care.

A word from our Chief Executive

Paul Allen



This year has seen the hospital return to “business as usual” in many respects, not the least of which has been returning to unrestricted visiting of patients by their relatives and the resumption of face to face meetings, including activities for patients.

Lifting of COVID restrictions meant that we were able to hold the RHN festival week and founders’ day in June 2022, our Christmas Show and Carols Concert as well as our Staff Awards in person, for the first time since 2019.

We have also been able to resume our programme of ward refurbishments, delayed by two years because of COVID. The £3m refurbishment of Wellesley ward commenced in October 2022. Subject to board approval, the refurbishment programme will be completed over the next few years.

The governance of our hospital has been improved by the revision of our Royal Charter, which was approved by Her Majesty the Queen in July 2022 and adopted at the October 2022 board meeting. We were of course deeply saddened by the death of our Royal Patron, HM Queen Elizabeth II in September and await the appointment of a new Royal Patron by Buckingham Palace.

In November we published a new strategy for the RHN, titled ‘The Path to Excellence’. This strategy sets out a roadmap for the next five years with patient experience at its heart. We are very confident in this direction and in our staff, and look forward to the year ahead.

We managed to meet this year’s budget and our fundraising has had a particularly good year, exceeding budgeted income by some £600k.

I must also acknowledge our executive team and their work over the last year. I am very grateful for the excellent work carried out by this talented and experienced team.

I would like to record special thanks to **Des Benjamin** for the numerous achievements at the RHN under his leadership and the enormous support he has given me. He has been a pleasure to work with and he definitely hands over the RHN in a better place than when he started.

Jane McCormick is set to replace Des as our Chair when he steps down in April 2023 after eight years in post. We look forward to working with Jane in the future.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank all of our staff, for another year of hard work with great commitment and passion, all for the benefit of our patients and residents. Our people are what makes the RHN, with our staff central to our new strategy and undoubtedly one of our most valued assets.

Thank you also to our growing number of volunteers and to the continued support of our Board of Trustees.

Paul Allen
CEO

January 2023

One last word from our Chairman Des Benjamin



I am very pleased but also sad to share with you this year's report as it will be my last.

After eight years of service as Chair of the RHN, it has been a great privilege for me to have played a part in its continuous growth and success. I'm grateful to all our members – past, present and future - for their dedication and commitment. Thank you also to our dedicated staff who support us every day.

Lastly, I would like to wish everybody a happy, healthy and successful 2023.

Des

Our year in summary



168

people admitted to the RHN



17.5 days
average length of stay in BIS

Beds occupied across the hospital



48

Brain Injury Service



188

Continuing Care Service

£45 million
annual turnover in 2022



Your support makes a difference

Our current fundraising target is £2.8M and with our charitable status we are able to fundraise for the additional therapies and services, that help to enhance the quality of life of those in our care.

Donations raised also go towards training our invaluable volunteers, funding research and helping with specific capital refurbishment works.

Fundraised income from our generous supporters plays a significant part in complementing our care package to patients.

Donations also go towards

- Adapted sports sessions (eg. tennis, bowling, boccia)*
- Compass computer room (adapted technologies)**
- Gardening group
- Indoor group activities (eg. making music sessions, film/documentary screenings)**
- Music therapy**
- Nurse escort service
- Occupational therapy art**
- Specially adapted wheelchairs and mobility equipment
- Specific refurbishment projects, to upgrade
- Bringing older areas of the hospital to modern standards
- Our research department; ensuring our processes and overall care are evidence-based and focused on positive patient outcomes.

*some activities were restricted or did not run due to coronavirus

**ran with appropriate covid measures

Fundraising heroes 2022



TCS London Marathon

Congratulations and many thanks to the 19 dedicated runners who took on the London Marathon this year in support of the RHN and raised over £30,000.

Royal Parks Half Marathon

Congratulations to the 21 runners who completed the Marathon, raising an amazing £32,035 for RHN therapy services.



RHN holds thank you evening for this year's fundraisers

In October, the RHN hosted a thank you evening for this year's fundraisers. Guests included teams, groups, companies, families, friends and individuals, as well as some of RHN's staff. Funders' external support is vital to enabling the RHN to offer therapies and services such as music therapy, assistive technology for communication and mobility, occupational therapeutic art, wheelchair service and chaplaincy service, which are 100% funded by donations.

It's the little things you do to support the RHN that make the biggest difference

Thank you to all our supporters for their continued donations, fundraising and messages of kindness.

- ♥ There are many ways which you can support the RHN, including **birthday fundraisers through Facebook**, which we always appreciate and welcome.
- ♥ **Shop with Amazon through Amazon Smile** and they will donate a percentage when you select our charity, visit smile.amazon.co.uk to sign up.
- ♥ Similarly, you can support us through **PayPal** and **Give As You Live**, or speak with your employers for **Pay As You Earn**.

These are all easy and simple ways you can help support our charity and help to make huge difference for our patients and residents! Find out more at www.rhn.org.uk/

Meet Nick



Nick's passion is playing the guitar. Over many years Nick played on stage with several bands and, as a skilled electrical engineer, even designed and built his custom speaker system.

Nick's future as a guitarist seemed in doubt after his stroke in 2018. This left him with severe weakness on the right side of his body. Nick didn't think he would be able to play again as he no longer had the strength to hold his guitar.

Working with the **Music Therapy** team as part of a larger multidisciplinary team, he was able to pick up his guitar and play again for the first time in June.

Technicians from our on-site wheelchair workshop designed and fabricated a unique rest for Nick's wheelchair, which supports the weight of the guitar's body while he's playing. Members of our occupational therapy team designed and made a finger rest which supports Nick's hand as he's strumming the strings.

Your donations make all the difference in making this initiatives possible.



 rhn.org.uk/support-us/donate/

Our super staff fundraisers



RHN Choir busking returns

The RHN Staff Choir led by Music Therapist Michael Jenkins, braved the summer heatwave and winter chills this year to entertain commuters and raise money for the RHN.

They performed at local railway and tube stations, raising £1,360 for the benefit of our patients and residents.



Thames Bridges Trek

A huge well done to the amazing 25 participants made up of staff and patient relatives for taking on the 25km walk straight through the capital along the River Thames crossing 16 of the famous bridges raising over £12,700.

Want to take part in events to raise money for us? Check out rhn.org.uk/events



The Sky Diver

Ingrid Wiltshire, Ward Administrator, took on a sky dive for the RHN and raised over £500. Thank you, Ingrid!



RHN Fundraising Gift Shop opens

The portable shop is located outside the Fundraising Office on the ground floor.

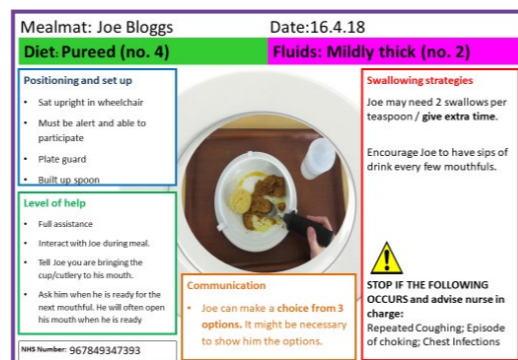
It amassed over £600 in sales in the first week of opening. Well done to Events and Community Fundraising Apprentice Karis Goodgame (pictured).

“Small but mighty” Speech and Language Therapy

Innovations in Speech and Language Therapy

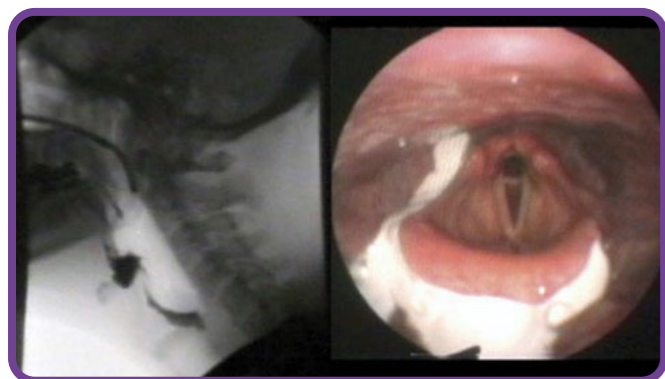
The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability’s (RHN) Speech and Language Therapy Team (SLT) have been described as ‘small but mighty’.

Although the SLT team is smaller than many of the other Allied Health Professional (AHP) teams at the RHN, this does not stop them from making a huge difference to the people we care for here. Our SLTs assess and manage communication and swallowing difficulties which makes a huge difference to those with brain injuries and their loved ones.



Meal mats

The SLTs, along with their occupational therapist (OT) colleagues also introduced meal mats at the RHN. Meal mats are laminated placemats which are produced for all patients who eat and drink. It guides staff on how to make the process as safe as possible for the patient, specifying the consistency the food needs to be, positioning whilst eating, level of help required and swallowing strategies.



Fibreoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) clinic

A big development in speech and language therapy is the fact that SLTs independently use Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES). This is a detailed swallowing assessment using a camera called an endoscope. It enables professionals to look down the throat in order to evaluate whether food and drink can be safely consumed without choking or aspirating (going down the wrong way).

FEES was previously only carried out by Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) doctors, but in 2009 the RHN made sure that SLTs were able to undertake these assessments, allowing more patients to be seen in a timely way.



Tasting foam

The RHN has become one of the first places in the UK to use flavoured foam tastes. Foam tastes allow a patient to taste the foam of any drink without needing to swallow it and can also help to assess to what extent people can respond to different tastes. It was brought to the hospital’s attention when Clinical Lead Speech and Language therapist Amy Pundole saw a rep demonstrating foam tastes on a training day.

‘I had a taste and immediately thought “oh my goodness, this is going to be amazing for our patients”. We have so many patients that are long term nil by mouth. Not being able to have anything to taste must be horrible and we know it has such a negative impact on quality of life’.

Erin Probert, Clinical Lead SLT, and the Continuing Care SLT team have completed a study on using the foam tastes with people who are nil by mouth at RHN, which they are hoping to get published. The research explores some of the risks and benefits of the foam. Of the 14 patients from the study, 9 went on to have regular flavoured foam tastes handed over to ward staff, and one man has even been down to the pub to have tastes of gin. One resident said ‘I haven’t had anything past my lips in 10 years, so it tastes wonderful!’

They also presented a free online open lecture on foam tastes this summer which was fully booked, with 500 people signing up. The SLT team gets frequent enquiries from other SLTs about the foam. ‘We’re an innovator and a trailblazer with it for many people’.

The future of SLT

Looking to the future of Speech and Language Therapy at the RHN, the team have set up an Outpatient FEES clinic so that an external SLT organisation, Linguistic Resolutions, can refer their patients to the RHN for an expert swallow assessment. We are looking forward to our first referral!

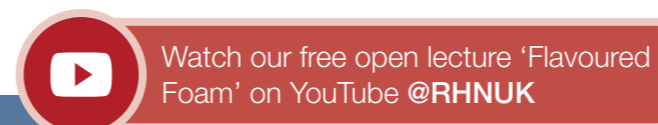
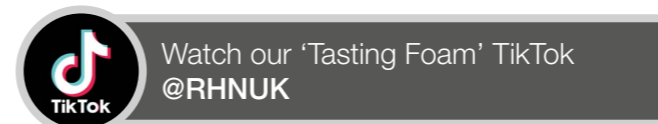
The team are also in the very early stages of exploring whether Phagenyx will help our patients. This is a pharyngeal electrical simulation system which improves swallowing. It is a new technology which has started being used by similar SLT teams.

The team hope it can be used in the future with lots of our patients to help them eat and drink again, manage their saliva better and manage and possibly remove tracheostomy tubes.

The future of speech and language therapy looks bright, and the RHN SLT team is continuing to be active and creative in supporting our patients and residents to live life to the fullest possible.

Taking Twitter by storm

This July saw SLTs Erin Probert, Zoë Gilbertson and Taryn Morrish deliver an open lecture on Flavoured Foam. The free webinar received over 500 registrations and blew up on Twitter (@RHNUK), engaging SLTs across the globe. Their presentation is now the most engaged tweet this year.



International Nurses Day 2022

Every year we celebrate International Nurses Day with an afternoon tea for nursing staff and other colleagues. International Nurses Day is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.



RHN joins celebrations at PRIDE in London

On Saturday 2 July, staff at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) attended the 50th anniversary of the Pride in London parade.

The Pride in London parade is the UK's largest LGBT+ pride event and attracts millions of attendees each year.

The event had not taken place for two years and marks a first for the RHN as 58 members of staff attended with an ambulance to represent the hospital.

The hospital hopes to return to the celebrations next year, with a bigger float and an extended invite to patients and residents.



Watch our PRIDE TikTok @RHNUK

Read more at rhn.org.uk/news/pride-in-london-parade-2022/

Seán's story

In 2019 Seán was studying for a Master's degree at Imperial College London. Tragically, Seán was involved in a serious accident and after several life-saving surgeries, was left in a coma.

After being diagnosed with a Prolonged Disorder of Consciousness (PDoC), Seán was transferred to a specialist unit for people with PDoC at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN). By September, Seán started to show signs of emerging. He started to be able to use an eye gaze device, then began to move his fingers and thumb and was able to use a small beeper switch to communicate.

By December, nine months after his accident, Seán was able to communicate with a whiteboard and pen. He also began to be able to drink fluids orally and take small amounts of puréed food.

Seán was transferred to Drapers ward to undertake a programme of intensive rehabilitation. Progressing well with his swallowing and mobility, he moved on to moist food and started using a self-propelling wheelchair. In June 2020, 15 months after his accident, Seán began to talk.

His mother, Jenny, had the following to say about the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This was a frightening time but the RHN was proactive in its response to the pandemic, introducing its lockdown two weeks ahead of the national lockdown announced by the government, shutting down visits, introducing compulsory hand hygiene measures, masks and social distancing onsite. They put things into place early to minimise the effects."

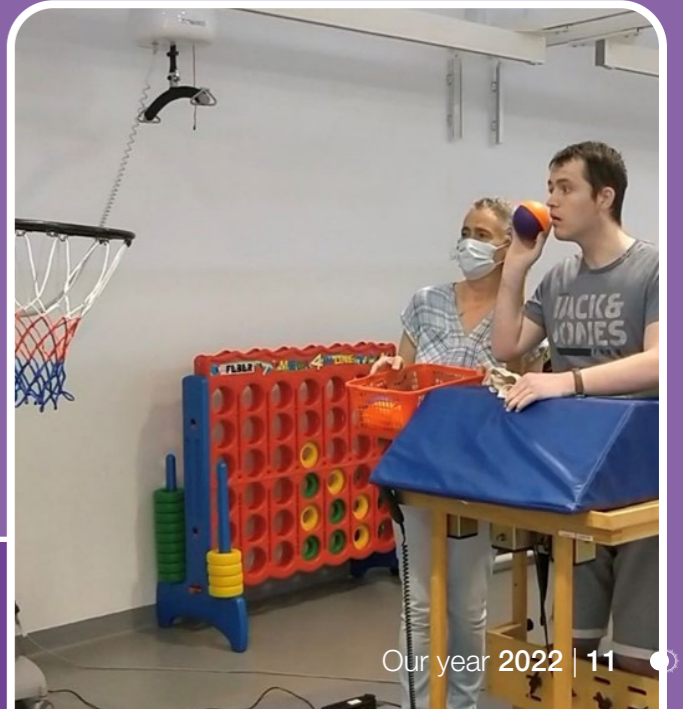
In July 2020, Seán was transferred to the RHN's young person's unit, Haberdashers' House, for an eight-week placement. Jenny had this to share about his time at Haberdashers.

"This is an amazing place. It's a fantastic, vibrant environment for young people. When I wasn't there I always felt that he was well looked after and felt confident leaving him. The team always put on an enriching programme of activities for the residents there, including lots of games and concerts."



During his final placement at the RHN, Seán continued to improve, he was able to catch up with friends and family on social media. When Seán was ready to leave, the staff threw a party for him and put together a scrapbook as a reminder of his stay and the amazing progress that he made.

Seán is no longer at the RHN but continues his rehabilitation closer to home in Dublin. You can follow his journey on @support4drummo or through the hashtag #Support4Drummo



RHN Festival returns for first time since the pandemic

We were pleased to welcome the return of RHN Festival Week after two years of it being postponed due to the pandemic.

The week is a series of events for the RHN community to get together and see the amazing work that happens everyday at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.

This year, festival goers were able to enjoy a series of wellbeing workshops and many activities run by staff from across the hospital.

On Founder's Day, the hospital community gathered in the garden under a gazebo to enjoy live music and performances, including some from the RHN Staff Choir and the CEO's band Putney Chiefs.

Staff were able to enjoy market stalls as well as free ice cream and smoothies, quizzes and even a live-music karaoke band.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund project was also available for the RHN community to enjoy, and members of the RHN's nursing team dressed up as olden day nurses (with a few young faces joining the trend!).

The annual rounders match between directors Jane Beaven and Nanda Ratnavel also took place, with team Jane securing the win.

Everyone enjoyed the week, widely regarded as "the best one yet!". RHN Festival Week returns next year.

National Lottery Heritage Fund Archive project comes to an end



October marked the end of the RHN's momentous three year National Lottery Heritage Fund archive project.

Thank you to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and all members of staff for their help and support in driving this project forward.

In particular, the Fundraising team for administering the project and getting the grant. The Communications team designed the incredibly snazzy exhibition panels and online exhibition pages. The RHN occupational therapy art room delivered very rewarding clay workshops for our collaboration with Headway Surrey.

To conclude the project, we had a lovely youth group consisting largely of refugee children pay the archives a visit. This special group learned about us through our collaboration with Heritage of London Trust and they really enjoyed viewing our archives and experiencing our exhibition.

Here are some highlights of the project

- Uploading over 16,000 entries on our new archive catalogue
- Digitising over 2,000 individual items
- Professionally conserving almost 50 at-risk items
- Recording over 50 oral history interviews
- Holding 7 historical talks and five heritage open days
- Welcoming approx. 500 visitors to our outdoor exhibition



Research and education

Research

After the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, our research projects have started again with two new dental projects, two collaborative studies with the dietetics department, one COVID review and two projects on long term ventilation on top of the three existing PhD projects.

Our PhDs were invited to present their work at international events as follows:

- **Amy Pundole** gave a presentation on Assessing Language in Severely Brain Injured Patients to the IBIA (International Brain Injury Association) Inaugural Conference on Disorders of Consciousness that took place virtually on December 2021.
- **Alexandra Rose** presented at the ASSBI (Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment) 2022 Conference on “Assessment of low mood, distress and depression in people with severe brain injury: a systematic review.”

Education

We organised 23 courses and 9 open lectures. We have successfully migrated our courses online and when restrictions were lifted were able to organise face to face training again.

The open lectures are recorded and made available on the RHN Youtube, channel thus made available to a broad range of people. Our recorded webinars have been viewed by around 2,000 people and are a great way to reach a wider audience. Our online courses are also very popular and attract a national and international audience.

Publications during this period

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Follow us on YouTube

Some of our courses and open lectures are freely available for clinical professionals to watch over on our YouTube channel.

Search on YouTube
@RHNUK

Open lectures available now include

Art and neuro-disability
Clinical Nurse Specialist team
LOCCATE
Flavoured Foam
Music therapy: case studies
Neuro-palliative Care

From wedding, to conference, to honeymoon

It's not often you have to focus on collecting PhD data, plan a wedding and honeymoon, get an article published and present at international conferences in quick succession, but that's exactly what Alex Rose, Principal Clinical Psychologist found herself doing.

Alex is a PhD fellow at the RHN, completing her research on the assessment of mood after severe brain injury at the University of Glasgow. She is supervised by **Professor Jon Evans** and **Dr Breda Cullen** at the university and **Dr Sarah Crawford** at the RHN. Alex also worked clinically at the RHN on our rehab ward in our brain injury service (BIS) three days a week, and has been since 2016.

In September 2021, Alex took a trip to Dingle in Ireland with her boyfriend Dr Ciaran Hutchinson, where he proposed to her at a seaside cliff.

The next month, Alex started writing a chapter on a patient diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's with **Dr Mike Dilley** and a chapter on Locked in Syndrome with **Dr Sarah Crawford**, both to be published in a text book on unusual presentations in *Neuropsychology 2023*. Alex continued to interview Clinical Psychologists and Medics to finish her data collection and managed a trip home to South Africa to celebrate her engagement in early 2022.

When she returned to London she began data collection for her fourth and final PhD study and presented the results of her systematic review online at the Australian Society for the study of brain impairment (ASSBI) conference in May 2022.

Alex wasn't just getting PhD work published. In the summer of 2022, she submitted the results of the RHN service development project, completed with **Luke Rendell, Senior Physiotherapist** at the RHN. They had spent a couple of years developing and auditing the values-based goal setting process that is now used with all BIS patients at the RHN.

Despite all the research, Alex found the time to have a little Hen Do in Soho while she and her husband made the finishing touches to their wedding plans.



Alex and Ciaran married on 8 October 2022 at the Barbican Conservatory with their French bulldog Rosie at their side. Finally, the pair could take some much needed time off to enjoy their honeymoon...

But not before Alex made a trip to Maastricht to present at the World Federation for Neuro-rehabilitation – Neuro-rehabilitation Special Interest Group (WFNR NR – SIG). She presented the work completed with Luke Rendell on value-based goal setting at the RHN, and also managed to win the social media influencer prize and become part of the WFNR-NR SIG social media team.

Following this presentation, three days of networking and talking neuro research, she joined her husband in Frankfurt to head to their honeymoon in Crete. The next day Alex and Luke's article was published in **The Neuropsychologist: A values-based approach to goal setting in neuro-rehabilitation following severe brain injury: an audit of service development.**

Alex has since attended the SSR conference in Glasgow where she presented her systematic review results, and won the best poster prize for her surveys of clinical psychologists working with severe brain injury. Her systematic review article was published in *Clinical Rehabilitation: A systematic review of mood and depression measures in people with severe cognitive and communication impairments following acquired brain injury – Alexandra E. Rose, Breda Cullen, Sarah Crawford, Jonathan J. Evans, 2022 (sagepub.com)*. Alex finished the year presenting her PhD progress at the RHN open lecture, with over 150 people attending.

Read more at rhn.org.uk/news/from-wedding-to-conference-to-honeymoon/

Christmas magic returns to the hospital

This year also saw the return of many of the RHN's annual Christmas events!



Christmas Carol Concert

The annual Christmas Carol concert returned this year. The RHN Staff Choir [pictured above] joined other choirs from the local community to raise money for the RHN's additional services. Thank you to everyone involved!



Christmas decoration workshops

This year, the hospital's Christmas decorations were handmade in workshops run by Leisure and Family Services and the Occupational Therapy Art Room. Patients and residents crafted the decorations in the artroom alongside family members. Thank you to everyone who made this brilliant initiative possible and the army of volunteers who stepped up to help decorate the building.



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre also returned this year. Members from the local community came to the RHN's Assembly Room to open stalls selling a wide variety of Christmas items.



Nurses Christmas Party for new nurses

Members of the senior nursing team held a party for nursing staff. It was a chance for our hardworking international nurses to meet with their colleagues and celebrate the Christmas period together. This time of year can be difficult for some, especially those who may be working or unable to return home to be with their families.



The Christmas Show

Rhoda Walker (Internal Communications Officer) organised this year's Christmas Show with a working party consisting of staff across the hospital. The show was brilliant and enjoyed by patients and residents as well as staff. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this show!



Snowflake appeal

The snowflake appeal returned this year. Big thanks to our corporate sponsors:

- Allcool (London) Ltd
- Floyd Slaski Architects Ltd
- JF Jones Building Contractors
- Totality Services
- Green Financial Advice
- Bespoke Detection Services Ltd



Christmas Day donation

Staff working on Christmas Day received a very generous donation in memory of late RHN resident Tony Minton. Thank you to the sponsors who made it possible as well as Tony's family. It was greatly appreciated by our staff.



Antonia's Christmas Day radio message

Hunter ward resident Antonia was able to travel to Riverside Radio Studios to record a special Christmas message. "Afehyia Pa" means Merry Christmas in her native language Ghanaian Twi. The message was played on air during the big day itself. Thank you, Riverside Radio!

Thank you everyone who raised money for us this year

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| Natasha Miller | Jessica Luc | Luke Gordon |
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| Sarah-Jane Holden | Cheryl Luc | RHN Choir |
| Geraldine Plowden | David Duong | Venture Studio |
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| Residents | Dan Gordon | |
| Amazing Light | Charlie Gordon | |
| Gospel | | |
| The Merlin School | | |

Congratulations to this year's staff award winners

Long service awards

20 years

- Andrew Carney
- Dina Odong
- Hezekiah Atemie
- Juan Medina
- Mario Lucas
- Tochukwu Mkpura
- Vicenta Clemente

30 years

- Cheryl Jackson
- Maria (Fatima) Moura
- Michael Baker
- Raminder Plaha
- Salma Munir
- Suzy Thomas
- Lynda Wiggins

Newcomer of the year

- Sophie Lindsen

Safeguarding champion

- Haberdashers House

Unsung hero

- Carmel Rice

Super support services

- Amanda Dearling

Outstanding leadership

- George Sarpong

Excellence in care

- Iftin Abdule

Best team

- Compass

Best Apprentice

- Mateusz Spicha

The Gerard Cullen Award for innovation

- Alberto Gonzalez

CEO's recognition award

- Sorin Neacsu

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Stories from the RHN.
Coming January 2023.

In Memoriam Our Royal Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Royal Patronage – A “Royal hospital”

The hospital has always been referred to as the ‘Royal Hospital’, yet it wasn’t until 1903, almost fifty years after it was founded, that the Royal Family finally approved this. This bizarre state of affairs came courtesy of Rev Andrew Reed, who had suggested the name and was confident in his personal ability to deliver royal patronage, having done so with his other charities. Unfortunately, with the death of Prince Albert in 1861, with whom Andrew Reed was acquainted, and then Andrew Reed himself a year later, the institution was left with no connection to the inner circle of the Royal Family. Applications from the hospital were rejected in 1857 and 1864 by Queen Victoria’s privy secretary, Sir Charles Phipps, on the basis that the Queen would not want to be associated with an institution where people were not cured or medical science was not advanced. But finally, in 1903, King Edward VII granted formal permission for the hospital to use the title ‘Royal’ in its name. The hospital received its original Royal Charter in 1919.

The late Queen and our hospital



Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the RHN’s Royal Patron in 2002. She has visited the hospital on several occasions, opening Chatsworth Wing, Drapers Wing and the UK’s first dedicated Brain Injury Unit on Clifden and Devonshire wards.

Every year, the RHN receives daffodils from the Queen’s Sandringham Estate. They are donated to hospitals across London in a tradition spanning over 30 years. The RHN delivers the flowers across hospital wards and displays them in the hospital’s main reception area for all patients, staff and visitors to enjoy.

This year we joined the world in celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, where tea parties for patients and their families were held as well as a ward decoration competition.

After her death, we observed the national mourning period and her funeral was streamed in the hospital’s Assembly Room. We sent a book of condolences and wrote to Buckingham Palace, receiving a reply from The King.

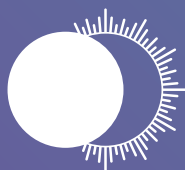
The RHN joins the Queen’s Green Canopy

This year the RHN took part in ‘The Queen’s Green Canopy’ (QGC) – The nationwide initiative was created to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

We invited supporters to plant a tree at the RHN in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of the birth of a new one. The limited number of tree saplings available were kindly donated by the Woodland Trust. The planting sessions are planned for November and all who take up the invite will be welcome to bring family and friends to attend a special planting ceremony. We request a small annual donation to contribute to their maintenance and you will be able to plot their location on the QGC interactive map.

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