



SURGERY NEWSLETTER

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Division of Surgery welcomes Paediatric Burns team



recommended there should be a shared governance and collaborative working throughout the Burns service.

Kelly Chesham, Matron for Burns, Plastics and Gate 34, said: "We are excited to welcome the team to our Division and I am excited for the future of the Burns Service as a whole."

Miss Phillips appointed as new HOCS for Urology

Congratulations and welcome to Miss Rebecca Phillips who has been appointed as Head of Clinical Service for Urology.

Miss Phillips will commence in post in July pending job plan review. We wish her all the best of luck in her new role.

Thanks Mr Dooldeniya



Thank you to Mr Mo Dooldeniya (pictured) who was HOCS for Urology before Miss Phillips was appointed. Mo has achieved lots during his time as HOCS and the Division is incredibly grateful.

We would like to welcome the Paediatric Burns team to the Division of Surgery.

Gate 46a have now officially joined the Division of Surgery today - 4 July.

The move to Surgery came after peer review



Pinderfields Theatres electrical works enter phase two



The second phase of the Pinderfields Theatres electrical works will start on 8 July and run to 15 July in Theatres 10, 11, 12, 12a, and 14.

These works will be carried out overnight, starting at 9pm and finishing at 4am each day.

During this time, there are several changes including:

1. The flow of patients to theatre
2. Access to the blood fridge
3. Access to the gas analyser.

For more information read the full operational update on the Surgery page on MY Intranet [here](#).

Community Dental Service champions national 'Selfie Your Smile' campaign



The Community Dental Service (CDS) has been supporting the 'Selfie Your Smile' campaign, an initiative launched by Dental Trauma UK in partnership with the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD).

The campaign encourages families to take clear photographs of their children's smiles, and their own, as a precautionary measure. These photos can serve as valuable references in the unfortunate event of dental trauma, such as a broken or knocked-out tooth.

Rachael Nichol, Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry with the Community Dental Service (pictured), said: "We are forever zooming in on parents' photos of their children, trying to get a clear view of what their teeth looked like before an accident. These images help us reposition and repair damaged teeth as accurately as possible, aiming to restore a child's smile to how it used to be."

Dental injuries, especially in children, are



more common than many realise, often resulting from sports, falls, or everyday accidents. Having a photo of the original smile can improve outcomes during emergency dental treatment.

The CDS hopes the campaign will raise awareness and encourage families to take a proactive step in protecting their dental health. A simple selfie today could make a world of difference tomorrow!



Sky News interviews Miss Downey



Urology Consultant Miss Alison Downey was interviewed by national Sky News this week, for an in-depth news story about ketamine use and how it can affect the bladder.

Alison was interviewed on Gate 3A by North of England correspondent Shingi Mararike, who talked to her about a common side effect of Ketamine, which is that it can quickly cause your bladder to shrink to a fifth of its normal size.

This causes problems with internal organs as well as the social impact of having to urinate as frequently as up to once every half an hour.

The news piece will be broadcast later this month on Sky News, and it will also be published on Sky News' online and social media channels.

Oxygen prescribing at 100 percent

This week the data for oxygen prescribing for the Division of Surgery is 100 percent. Well done and keep up the excellent work. By comparison, the Trust average for the week is 84 percent.



ICU team are 'above and beyond'



The ICU team, along with Trust Chaplain Rachel Lindley, were presented with a Truly Above and Beyond Award this week.

The award was given in recognition of the work they did to accommodate a hospital wedding for a patient was on ICU at the time.

David Fontana, 49, and his fiancé Joanne Stringfellow, 55, from South Elmsall, got married on 29 April 2025, despite him being in a very frail condition and on oxygen.

The ICU team sprang into action hanging balloons and banners, preparing a grand chocolate cake.

Jane, the ward clerk, sourced a perfect cake topper. Liz, the educator, brought in a stunning bouquet, and senior nurse Karen and coordinator Fran worked tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange every detail.

Congratulations to the whole team and everyone involved that day.

Read the press release on our Trust website [here](#).

The National Quarterly Pulse Survey is open now!



Help make the Trust a better place to work, and for friends and family to receive improved care and treatment, by completing your National Quarterly Pulse Survey by Thursday 31 July 2025.

You will have received an email from the Picker Institute, an independent external research company, inviting you to take part.

The survey has nine brief questions taken from the National Staff Survey and provides insight into your working experience at the Trust.

It takes less than five minutes to complete, and your responses are sent directly to the Picker Institute. Nobody from the Trust can see your individual responses.

We encourage all staff to take the survey, as your feedback is important and supplements the information we receive from the National Staff Survey.

[Access the survey](#).

If you have any queries about the survey, please email midyorks.staffsurvey@nhs.net.



SAU team praised for 'excellent' patient care



A day case patient has written to the Trust to say thank you for the 'first class' care they received recently from SAU, Gate 40, at Pinderfields.

The patient praised Mr Zaheer and his team for their 'excellent, friendly, professional and helpful assistance.'

They said: "Everything went as planned and their treatment of me was first class." Their Recovery Nurse, Erica, was said to be 'kind, helpful and informative.'

The patient added about the team: "They are an asset to Pinderfields and I am extremely grateful to have had them deal with me. I wish them all the best for their future."

Cancer Unknown Primary (CUP) MDT Referral




Starting the week of 7 July 2025, we will be introducing a new referral process for patients requiring discussion at the Cancer Unknown Primary (CUP) MDT.

Referrals should now be submitted electronically via the ICE system. Simply search for "CUP MDT" within the patient's ICE record on the requesting page to submit your referral.

This new process replaces the previous paper-based referral form, offering a more efficient and reliable way to refer patients going forward.

Any concerns please contact Karl McCarthy-Bell – karl.mccarthy-bell@nhs.net.

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