1. BSUH shortlisted for “Acute or Specialist Trust of the Year” in HSJ Awards

We’re delighted to be named as finalists for ‘Acute or Specialist Trust of the Year’ in this year’s Health Service Journal (HSJ) Awards.

The HSJ Awards recognise outstanding commitment to excellence in healthcare. This is a great opportunity for us to celebrate everything we have achieved as a Trust over the last year.

BSUH Chief Executive Marianne Griffiths said: “This is wonderful recognition of the significant improvements made across the Trust in recent years and the incredible teamwork and dedication of you all.”

The ‘Acute or Specialist Trust of the Year’ category looks at how NHS trusts have met their challenges head on and created a long term vision of care. BSUH was selected based on the huge improvements we have made including our ‘Good’ overall and ‘Outstanding’ for caring rating by the CQC, supported by our fantastic Patient First improvement programme.

Judges reviewed our progress across our top five Trust priorities: Quality, Finance, Culture, A&E Performance and 3Ts Development.

HSJ editor Alistair Mclellan said: “We would like to congratulate BSUH on being nominated in the category of Acute of Specialist Trust of the Year ahead of this year’s 2019 HSJ awards.

“We are looking forward to welcoming them to the ceremony in November, to join us in recognising the very best achievements and innovations in the healthcare sector. The entrants this year have been of incredible calibre, and each of the finalists in this category have been chosen based on their outstanding commitment to excellence in healthcare.”

A huge well done to everyone who contributed towards making improvements at BSUH, however big or small! Take a look at the other nominations and categories for the Awards here - https://awards.hsj.co.uk/categories

2. BSUH wins Gold Award for supporting armed forces staff

It’s been a great week for awards here at BSUH as we celebrate receiving the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for supporting members of staff from the Armed Forces.

We’re proud to be one of 100 employers being recognised by Defence Minister Ben Wallace for our outstanding...
support for the Armed Forces community with the highest badge of honour available to those who employ and support veterans and their families. What's more, we're one of only 13 other NHS Trusts to receive the award.

Marianne Griffiths, Chief Executive of BSUH said: “I am delighted that we have received this Gold Award and would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to our armed forces employees at the Trust. We are absolutely committed to supporting staff who are regular personnel, reservists, veterans and their families.

“We are proud of our growing armed forces staff network and being one of the first trusts in the country to also be accredited as ‘Veteran Aware’ – ensuring that our patients who have served in the UK armed forces will also receive the best and most appropriate care.”

We proudly support our staff by ensuring we have armed forces aware policies, additional paid leave for reserve and regular reserve personnel and physical and mental health clinics and support services. The Trust has signed the Armed Forces Covenant, and engages with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) to promote the recruitment of service leavers.

Find out more about the awards here - [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-employer-recognition-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-employer-recognition-scheme) and for more information about the Armed Forces Staff Network email: alex.saunders@nhs.net.

3. Star of the month – Level 8 Surgery Ward

The team working on Level 8 Surgery ward at The Alex were the most recent and very worthy winners of the Star of the Month award. The team were nominated in April for their holistic and family centred care and were presented with their award by Lorraine Tinker, Head of Nursing for Children.

The nomination came following their support and compassion for a family when the mother of a child on the ward went into cardiac arrest whilst visiting and very sadly died in ITU. The team ensured that the family were supported and helped create keepsakes and memories for them at a tragic time.

The kindness and compassion showed is a very moving example of the outstanding care the Trust strives to achieve. As winners of Star of the Month the team will be entered into the Employee of the Year award at next year’s STAR Awards.

To nominate an individual or team complete the [nomination form](#) on info-net.

4. Virtual Fracture Clinic launches at The Alex

The Paediatric Virtual Fracture Clinic has arrived at The Alex, improving safety and saving time for hundreds of children and their families every year.

Many children visiting A&E and minor injury units across Sussex, attend with fractures or suspected fractures. At The Alex, the fracture clinic is the busiest session with between four and five thousand children attending annually. With such high demand waiting areas can get very busy causing delays and frustration for parents and their children. The launch of the Virtual Fracture Clinic for children now means families don’t have to attend face-to-face clinics for their appointments,
saving them the journey and reducing the pressure on fracture clinic sessions.

Dr Tom Crompton, Paediatric Consultant and Virtual Fracture Clinic Lead said: “I am delighted to get the children’s virtual clinic running with support from Rockinghorse charity. This is a huge improvement for the families of Sussex and beyond. Thousands of children could benefit, avoiding a day off school or work for parents. Also the virtual clinic enables parents to avoid the expense and inconvenience of travel and parking to attend an appointment in person.”

The Virtual Fracture Clinic will benefit thousands of young patients and will mean the parents don’t have to return to the hospital to get their results, which can often involve taking the children out of school, travelling to RSCH and parking on site.

Injuries will be reviewed by the paediatric virtual fracture team on a Tuesday and Friday morning and the results are then confirmed to parents over the telephone.

The new process will be a huge improvement in patient experience and we are looking forward to its launch on Tuesday 27th August. Important information about the new process can be found on Info-net news or for any queries, contact bsuh.paediatricvirtualfractureclinic@nhs.net

5. Preparing for study – library events

Starting a new degree, course, module, assignment or any programme of study? Need to get organised and motivated? Our popular Preparing for Study course is back and open for bookings!

On this course, you will learn how to plan and manage your study time more efficiently, improve your reading and critical understanding of information sources, get tips on writing for an academic style, expressing your arguments clearly, referencing your sources correctly and avoiding plagiarism.

The Library, Audrey Emerton Building

Monday 16 September 1.00-3.00 pm
Friday 27 September 10.00-12.00 pm
Thursday 21 November 2.00-4.00 pm

The Library, Princess Royal Hospital

Friday 20 September 11.00-1.00 pm
Tuesday 1 October 10.00-12.00 pm
Tuesday 19 November 1.00-3.00 pm

To reserve your place, go to:
https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/library/information-skills/preparing-for-study/

Or contact the library for more information:
bsuh.library@nhs.net

6. Land’s End to John O’Groats static bike ride for Vascular Awareness Month

Staff and service users in our Vascular Assessment Unit will be working together with the Sussex Stroke and Circulation Fund to raise awareness of vascular conditions by riding 874 miles from Land’s End to John O’Groats on a static bicycle.

The bike will be placed in various locations around RSCH throughout September starting at the Vascular Assessment Unit - Level 8 Thomas Kemp Tower, before moving on to the Outpatients Department.

We’ll be encouraging lots of staff and able patients to take part so come along during September, look out for the bike around the hospital and jump on to help them reach their goal! Watch this space for updates on how the team get on.
BSUH Charity update

Level 8a West ward raffle for BSUH Charity

If you’re in or near the County hospital before 1pm on Tuesday 27 August, then why not drop by to see the fantastic team at Level 8a West and buy a ticket for their charity raffle.

There are some fantastic prizes on offer to those lucky enough to bag a winning ticket, including a food hamper, a family pass on Eastbourne’s miniature railway and two tickets to Brighton’s Komedia.

Proceeds go to BSUH Charity to help improve patient experience on the ward which cares for patients with neurosurgical, maxillofacial and ear nose and throat conditions.

Tickets are £1 and the draw is due to take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday.

Best of BSUH

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On social media:

“The staff at Brighton hospital were fantastic both when I had my ERCP stent removed from a previous gallbladder surgery and when I gave birth to my daughter. I cannot recommend nor thank them enough for their support!”
Facebook review, August 2019

“I just wanted to pass on my thanks and gratitude to the maternity department following the birth of my son on the 4th of August. I have always had the upmost respect and admiration for my fellow clinicians within the trust on a professional level, but having now experienced care on a personal level I am again very proud to be part of an organisation that has such terrific staff.”
Facebook, August 2019

Did you miss? (posted on info-net over the past week)

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Events and training next week

Please see nww.bsuh.nhs.uk/news/events-calendar/
All training events are on http://iris.bsuh.nhs.uk

- Disabled Staff Network Meeting
- Cake Sale Outpatients RACH, 27 Aug, 8.30am
- Summer raffle & cake sale, Level 8a West, 27 Aug 1.30pm

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