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# BUZZ

*2020 wrapped*



It's been a year like no other, so here's a look back at some of 2020's finest moments ...



**JANUARY**

## PFIS Wave 7 graduation

Eight teams attended their Patient First Improvement System (PFIS) graduation - a great opportunity to celebrate and reflect on all they've achieved during their training.

## Went 'live' with Live beds!

A major milestone in modernising our processes and a critical move to ensure admission, discharge and transfer information is accurate and up-to-date for all wards. Live beds is now fully implemented on all wards and plays a huge part in improving flow throughout our hospitals.

## The Stonewall index rated us in the top 20% of employers in the whole country

...and we were awarded the **Stonewall's Regional Network of the Year** to our LGBTQ+ Network.

## Shining STARS nominated

Hundreds of nominations were received for the 2020 STAR awards. The event sadly couldn't go ahead but our nominees will be recognised in the new year.

## Innovation in midwifery practice

Our midwives Helen Green and Ash Riddington were recognised for innovation in midwifery practice at the British Journal of Midwifery Awards.



**FEBRUARY**

Stonewall  
**TOP 100  
EMPLOYER**  
2020



**MARCH**

## Our workforce mobilised to tackle a pandemic

When the pandemic hit, our teams sprang into action. Many staff were re-deployed guided by the Workforce Hub set up at the County. There was rapid training and PPE fit testing for staff - some of whom hadn't worked in frontline clinical roles for years. Everyone had a role to play and we showcased the NHS and team camaraderie at its best.

## Showered with gifts and messages of support

Our communities also sprang into action. In addition to the Clap for Carers we enjoyed on Thursday nights and rainbow pictures in neighbour's windows, we were showered with gifts – everything from hot pizzas to hand creams and scrubs. Our BSUH Charity received many offers of donations for the welfare of our staff and patients.

## Microbiology scales up testing

The team developed our own testing capacity – the first in the region; increasing test capacity locally and speeding up results.

## Innovating for patient care

BSUH anaesthetist Dr Rachael Grimaldi created Cardmedic, a free online resource in 10 languages and a read-aloud option for partially sighted or blind patients which helps staff to communicate with them when wearing PPE.

## “Brilliant, top notch care”

By the end of April 180 patients we treated for COVID had left our hospitals. We received many messages of thanks for the amazing care and professionalism provided by our staff.



## Celebrating our nurses and midwives

International Nurses Day was an opportunity to say thank you for the extraordinary work of our nursing colleagues. Reusable water bottles filled with tea bags, biscuits and hand cream were delivered to each BSUH ward, supplied by the BSUH Charity using funds donated from our supporters to thank our dedicated staff.

## Life inside a critical care unit

Doctors and nurses working in the critical care unit at The County Hospital gave special access to the BBC South East news team to speak about life inside a critical care unit caring for some of the most seriously ill COVID-19 patients. The film is still available to watch on <https://vimeo.com/418825158>

## Thank you to our volunteers

Our 400+ volunteers received thanks for the invaluable contribution they make to our services and patient experience.

## Antibody testing launched

Teams in Blood Sciences, Phlebotomy and Pathology IT launched the staff antibody testing programme, going from the government announcement to staff booking in just 11 days.

## Profiling the amazing Covid response

We showcased the behind the scenes stories of the way in which teams and individuals across the Trust had stepped up during the first wave of the pandemic. The profiles are still available to read: <https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/staff-profiles/>





**NHS award from Brighton and Hove Albion**  
 NHS staff across Sussex were the recipients of the 2020 Sarah Watts Inspiration Award from Brighton & Hove Albion. Our very own Dr Rob Galloway collected the award on behalf of all NHS staff in Sussex.

**Merger announced**  
 Cementing three years of close partnership working the merger of BSUH and WSHT was announced.

**BAME volunteers**  
 A team of BAME volunteers were recruited from across the Trust to support BAME colleagues through the Covid response. Thank you to these volunteers for their time and dedication.

### Digital Pride

As with many events, Pride 2020 was cancelled, but in its place was Virtual Pride and we celebrated with the BSUH Digital Pride video showcasing a number of LGBTQ+ staff and allies from across the Trust discussing what Pride means to them.

**Mitch and Maureen celebrate 80 years**  
 PRH midwives Mitch and Maureen celebrated a hugely impressive combined 80 years of service and whilst their reunion event was postponed they pulled together their memories in a video: [https://youtu.be/j\\_BbiFK2my4](https://youtu.be/j_BbiFK2my4).

**Covid patient Lin Bloor discharged**  
 After 109 days in hospital, patient Lin Bloor was finally discharged home. Lin then went on to fundraise for BSUH Charity.



**World Physiotherapy Day**  
 We celebrated with our 178 strong physiotherapy workforce on World Physiotherapy Day giving them thanks for the important work they do in the rehabilitation of patients.

**3Ts coming in to view**  
 In early September the last of the cranes was removed from in front of the new 3Ts building marking the end of the structural phase of stage 1.

**Newly qualified nurses join us**  
 Thirty one student nurses who worked with us throughout the first peak of COVID-19 joined the BSUH team as newly qualified nurses in September. This followed the junior doctors who started with the Trust in August.

