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## King's Health Partners Cardiovascular *Operational integration*



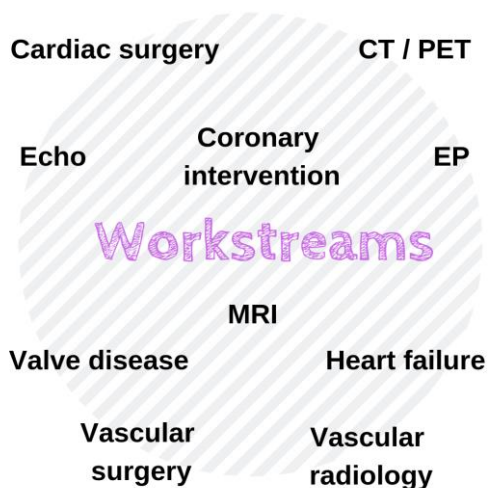
### **Welcome to the first clinical operational integration update.**

This monthly newsletter aims to keep you informed of operational integration across King's Health Partners Cardiovascular. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

### **What is King's Health Partners Cardiovascular?**

[King's Health Partners Cardiovascular](#) aims to build upon our individual strengths to bring together our clinicians and academics across clinical practice, research and education to combine their expertise and create a world-class Cardiovascular Institute and Network that will achieve better outcomes for our patients and service users.

[King's Health Partners Cardiovascular](#) is supporting delivery of this vision through closer integration of cardiovascular services across [Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#), [King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#), and [King's College London](#).



## What are the clinical workstreams focused on progressing integration?

In addition to the many clinical workstreams (left), a number of cross-cutting workstreams support the vision for integration across King's Health Partners Cardiovascular, for example: inter hospital transfers, virtual multidisciplinary meetings, [Mind & Body](#), and workforce.

## One clinical team

We are striving to deliver a more integrated cardiovascular service across King's Health Partners and, in doing so, realise benefits for patients and staff. To do this, we need to move towards working as a cohesive clinical team, providing a single cardiovascular service, across two sites (Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital). In practice, this means that in the future:

- Patients can be treated anywhere across the partnership and receive seamless care
- Staff will be able to work across both sites with ease
- There will be an aligned management structure, including operational priorities and joint decision-making
- Key pathways, policies and processes (clinical and administrative) will be aligned

## Benefits

- Better care for patients
- Better research and innovation
- Better opportunities for staff

## What does this mean for me?

Integration will allow staff to easily work across sites, which means greater professional and personal development (for example, through [Honorary Passports](#)). There will be new and different opportunities available to you, working with colleagues across King's Health Partners.

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## **Royal Brompton & Harefield partnership**

Since November 2017, [we have been working](#) with Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust on a new partnership to revolutionise cardiovascular and respiratory services for patients. This partnership builds on the extensive work already being undertaken by King's Health Partners Cardiovascular.

Together, we have a vision to transform the outcomes and experience of patients with cardiovascular and respiratory health conditions by creating an integrated health system – clinical and academic - which touches the lives of more than 15 million people, and helps cardiovascular and respiratory patients on a regional, national and international level.

To keep up-to-date on the progress of this partnership please visit your intranet or the [King's Health Partners website](#).

## Improving heart care

### Innovative research

We have developed a revolutionary new blood test for detecting a heart attack that could **speed up diagnosis**. The new test will be able to help reassure worried patients more rapidly, free up bed space and increase efficiency.



### Pioneering surgery

We host the UK's most comprehensive heart valve service and were:

First in the world to replace an aortic valve using a new type of prosthesis, which is **more durable with less side effects**.

First in the UK to repair leaking heart valves **without the need for invasive surgery**.

### Mind & Body

Our integrated heart failure service ensures that **mental wellbeing** is considered at every stage of a patient's journey.



### One Team Working

We have merged services to create a **24 hour on-call rota** for patients in need of acute aortic dissection.



## Clinical-academic integration

The above infographic shows just a few ways in which King's Health Partners Cardiovascular is making a difference to patients as we work together towards a shared future vision.

## In the spotlight...

In upcoming newsletters we will showcase team members within King's Health Partners Cardiovascular to describe their role and how it supports our integration and collaboration.

[Contact us](#) if you'd like to be featured.





## Events

Future events and educational opportunities will be shared in upcoming bulletins. If you have an event you would like promoted, [please let us know](#).

## Contact us

If you have specific questions, please [feel free to email](#) and we can address them in future newsletters.

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