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King's Health Partners Cardiovascular *Operational integration*



Welcome to the King's Health Partners Cardiovascular clinical operational integration update.

This briefing aims to keep you informed of operational integration across [King's Health Partners Cardiovascular](#). We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

King's Health Partners Cardiovascular Outcomes Book reveals impact

King's Health Partners Cardiovascular has published its first Outcomes Book. It highlights the institute's progress, showcases world-firsts in research, education strengths and how joined up working has made a positive impact on outcomes and patient care. [Read more...](#)



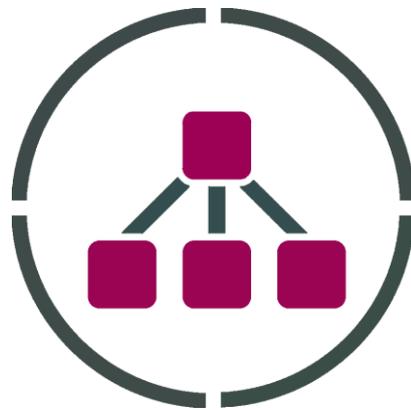
Clinical integration: Workstreams

The cardiovascular networks are working to create high value pathways across the many

workstreams. This includes **clinical integration** across sites (multidisciplinary team meetings, waiting lists, on-call rotas, research and audits), evidence based **arterial and local sites** in vascular, greater **consistency in protocols and pathways**, and **new innovations** in testing, diagnostics, and management. With greater opportunities for **cross-site working** (see [KHP Honorary Passports](#), below), we are working towards our world-class cardiovascular centre and network through integration of clinical services across sites.

The workstreams of the networks include:

- Adult congenital heart disease
- Cardiac surgery
- Coronary intervention
- Cardiac rhythm management (CRM)
- Diagnostics
- Heart failure
- Valve disease
- Vascular surgery
- Vascular radiology



With cross cutting workstreams:

- Inter hospital transfers
- Strengthened multidisciplinary team working
- Improving referrals
- Mind & Body
- Workforce

Workforce: Aligning our teams

An important part of the Workforce programme is to create greater consistency and opportunities for staff, including training and development. We are delighted to report that there are already rotations in place for some nursing staff. Additionally, we are making it easier for staff to work across different sites if they wish by exploring joint

recruitment, a shared staff bank, and aligning role responsibilities and expectations across KHP Cardiovascular.

KHP Passports

[KHP honorary passports](#) are a great tool for development, as they permit staff to work across sites. Passports are available to all staff, and provide the authorisation to access systems, patient data and deliver clinical activity at another partner organisation.

Do you have your passport? Contact your line manager or KHP Cardiovascular staff to apply. [Read more...](#)

“How can I thank you for saving my life 3 times?”

“The ambulance crew talked to me throughout the journey. This helped to keep me calm.”

“We are all lucky to be alive and very grateful for what everyone has done for us.”

“Happy smiley nurses on the ward.”

“I was spoken to in a language that I could understand.”

“Events like this are very interesting and Informative; it’s good to hear other people’s experiences.”

Putting patients at the centre of our work

The cross cutting inter hospital transfer (IHT) workstream seeks to improve communication between KHP tertiary centres and network hospitals, whilst removing inefficiencies and

accelerating access to excellent patient care. But we also need to understand the patient perspective, as they are experts in their care.

The network reached out to patients who had been referred to KHP tertiary centres from their local sites for inpatient cardiac procedures to hear their experiences, both good and bad, to identify opportunities for improvement.

Focus groups were held in this spring at Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and the Princess Royal University Hospital. A further focus group will be held at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust in June. Approximately 40 patients and their family members attended these events, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive of their IHT experience. The team is analysing all feedback received, to see where we can make improvements that matter to patients – for example, ensuring all patients access timely cardiac rehabilitation following their procedures, as this clearly makes a difference to getting them back to their everyday lives.

To learn more, contact the [cardiovascular networks](#).



Mark your diary: 18 September - Annual conference

The annual **KHP Cardiovascular conference is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 September, 13:00-18:00** (with networking and reception to follow) at the Parliamentary Terrace Marquee, St Thomas' Hospital. Join us to hear from expert speakers, new developments and best practice in services and across KHP Cardiovascular. A reception after the event provides a chance to network with colleagues.

All cardiovascular clinical, non-clinical, and academic staff working across King's Health Partners are welcome to attend.

The full programme, and registration details, will be released shortly. Enquiries may be directed to [David Hardy](#).

25 June - Vascular Industry Forum

Join us on 25 June from 17:30-18:30 in the Vascular Seminar Room at St Thomas' Hospital for the next King's Health Partners Vascular Industry Forum. The Forum brings together our vascular staff and industry representatives to share information about new drugs, devices, and medical technologies coming to market which can improve patient outcomes.



Learn more or reserve your place by [emailing the South East Vascular Network](#).

Contact us

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