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King's Health Partners Cardiovascular *Operational integration*

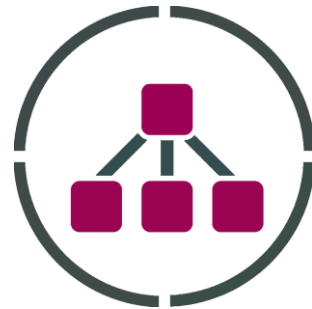


Integration work continues swiftly, as we progress towards the ***one team, two sites*** vision for King's Health Partners Cardiovascular.

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

Why operational integration?

Working together is essential to building an NHS fit for the future. Organisations must collaborate, rather than compete, if we are to provide patients with excellent outcomes with financial sustainability. Through King's Health Partners Cardiovascular, we are together creating:



- **Standardised pathways and processes**, so patients get excellent care across sites
- **Greater efficiencies**, such as joint waiting lists which means that patients are treated quicker
- **New opportunities for staff**, such as working across sites through the honorary passports

- **Value for money**, such as strategic commissioning so sites receive the best deals from the market

What do you think operational integration is for King's Health Partners Cardiovascular?

Where do you see opportunities for improvement in your service? [Share your ideas!](#)

New outpatients workstream | Expressions of interest open

It is recognised that there is always room for improvement in the way we do things, including the **management of outpatient services** across KHP cardiovascular services.



We are establishing a workstream in this area to **improve the experience of outpatients for patients and staff**, and are **open for expressions of interest** from any staff members who would like to contribute to this work.

Please share your ideas and join this vitally important area by contacting [Jo Ward, Integration Manager](#).



Select workstream updates

Following are a few key highlights from the workstreams.

[Contact us](#) for more details.

Strengthening multi disciplinary team (MDT) working

– Enabling clinical teams across KHP to have virtual

MDTs is a top priority in progressing one team working. A room at KCH will serve as both a wet lab and a video conferencing room. This will enable KCH teammates to connect and collaborate with GSTT, which already has equipment in place.

Heart failure – Integration across GSTT and KCH is gaining pace, as the two sites align pathways.

- The **acute heart failure** pathway, detailing diagnosis and management, has been implemented at KCH, includes an NT-proBNP pathway and Saturday service for echocardiograms. Discussions are taking place across acute medicine and A&E at GSTT, and whilst the pathway is working well, there are opportunities to improve further, such as education for junior doctors in A&E, a simplified EPR referral form, and posters depicting the acute pathway in both A&E and the acute admissions unit.
- The **HFpEF** working group has submitted a bid to the [Multiple Long Term Conditions Challenge Fund](#) to develop a dedicated HFpEF clinic to assess the effectiveness of this approach for both improving patient experience and outcomes of the service.
- The **Outpatients / referral pathways** working group is mapping current processes, demand and capacity within the service. Patient engagement events are planned for September and October to learn what would improve patient experience and those elements of care that patients deem most important.

Inter hospital transfers (IHT) – There will be an upgrade to the Teleologic IHT service, which will better reflect referrals for secondary episodes of care, creating a more equitable system for patients on angio / PCI waiting lists.

The South London ODN team held a second workshop to share challenges and solutions across South London NSTEMI pathways. During the day, the ODN team presented on the real life experiences of patients who had been transferred between local and tertiary sites, gathered during several patient engagement events. An [interim report is available](#) which documents the findings for south east London. Events and analysis will be replicated for south

west London for a broad, regional perspective.

Resources relating to the [NSTEMI pathway and inter-hospital transfers](#) are available online.



Have you registered? 18 September - KHP Cardiovascular annual conference

[Registration is now open for the annual KHP-Cardiovascular Conference](#), taking place on Wednesday, 18 September, at the Parliamentary Terrace Marquee, St Thomas' Hospital.

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

Hear from expert speakers, learn more about KHP Cardiovascular, share ideas, and network with colleagues. The meeting will showcase the transformation of clinical pathways within our referral networks, workforce development initiatives, innovations in research, novel therapies and the future vision for KHP Cardiovascular. A reception will take place following the meeting to which all guests are invited.

[Register online.](#)

Questions may be directed to [David Hardy](#).

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