

Your hospital our news

Second edition of
our newsletter for
GP practice staff

Benenden Hospital – your local Outstanding private hospital



Message from Jane Abbott

We hope that you and your practice colleagues have kept safe and well during this difficult period. We're delighted to have welcomed patients back to Benenden Hospital and are continuing to follow Government guidelines and the latest coronavirus advice. With the time and space to care for your patients, we have everything in place to keep them comfortable and safe.

We've been accepting referrals since the COVID-19 restrictions began and are now contacting those patients (in chronological order of receipt) to offer appointment dates.

Jane Abbott, Hospital Director and Chief Nurse



Health Professionals Hub

Don't forget to visit our online **Health Professionals page** for news, information and how to refer.

www.benendenhospital.org.uk/health-professionals

Consultant Directory

Find the current version of our **Consultant Directory** (also includes treatments and services) on our **Health Professionals Page**.

Did you know?

- We welcome all patients; they don't need to be a Benenden Health member to access treatment with us
- We continue to support the NHS in Kent and Sussex in partnership with NHS England, including the local community at the Ridge COVID Assessment Unit at Headcorn
- Our hip replacement patients could benefit from Pericapsular Nerve Group (PENG) Block anaesthetic, which may allow them to be discharged within 23 hours of surgery
- We're the No.1 provider of private treatment in Kent and Sussex for cataract surgery, inguinal hernia surgery and gastric sleeve (Gastrectomy) surgery *

*Based on PHIN independent reporting.

Free access to statutory training



Free CPD points via webinar

- We're delighted to launch our webinar learning events programme for GPs and clinical specialists
- Offering free CPD points, based around the RCGP recommended learning topics
- Attendance is free and our first event is:

Women's Health and Gynaecology - 1 CPD point

Saturday 19 September from 10am to 11am

Led by Mr Rowan Connell, lead Consultant Gynaecologist and Medical Director.



Free life support training for all practice staff

- Our Skills Facilitator is registered with the Resuscitation Council UK
- Keep up to date with your statutory training for ILS, ALS, PILS, BLS - free of charge
- Next available dates for ILS are 7 October and 29 October

Book your place via www.benendenhospital.org.uk/training



Endoscopy Services

Our JAG-accredited Endoscopy Suite offers your patients access to our endoscopy services for diagnosis and treatment using the latest technology, carried out by our specialists in gastroenterology, general surgery, gynaecology, urology and weight loss.

Guide prices (from)

- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy - £1,110
- Colonoscopy - £1,835
- Gastroscopy - £2,020



Private Patient Team

Our team is here to assist your patients who want to self-fund their treatment, whether it's for a diagnostic service or full hip and knee replacements.

The professional and knowledgeable team members go the extra mile to ensure your patients receive the best possible service – from the first contact through to booking in the procedure.

The team is here Monday to Friday from 8am - 6pm.

Call them on **01580 242521** if you have any queries on any of our self-pay services.

Referring your patients is as easy as A,B,C!

A Self-pay and Private Medical Insurance patients

Call: **01580 242521**
Email: private.patients@benenden.org.uk
or bhosp.privatepatients@nhs.net

B Benenden Health members

If your local protocols allow, you may email your referral letter to the Benenden Health Member Services team via memberservices@benenden.co.uk. If not, the member will be responsible for getting your referral to Benenden Health.

C NHS patients

Use your local NHS referral arrangements.

National health awareness days

There are a number of upcoming National Health Awareness events. If your patients have symptoms connected to any of these, let them know that we offer services to support them.



Podiatry

17 August

I Love My Feet Day



Urology

September

Urology Awareness Month



Ophthalmology

21 - 27 September

National Eye Health Week

Community news

Chosen charities

During 2018 and 2019, our Staff Social Club raised an amazing £12,002 for Porchlight, a Kent-based homeless charity.

Their chosen charities for 2020 are The Sam West Foundation, The Hygiene Bank and DEBRA.

Simon Brooks, our Anaesthetic Clinical Lead, aims to raise £3,000 for The Sam West Foundation by trekking the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal later this year. Check out Simon's fundraising page:

[justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-brooks22](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-brooks22)



Residents of
Abbotsleigh Care Home
enjoying a singalong

Care homes

In May, we were delighted to be able to support local care homes with their VE Day 75 Celebrations.

A big thank you to the residents of Iden Manor Nursing Home, Staplehurst for the lovely colourful pictures which were recently on display in the hospital entrance.