

Friday 2 September, 2016

## Hot topics

### Junior doctors' strike this month

As you'll be aware from media reports this week the BMA has announced that junior doctors in England will take part in five consecutive days of strikes from 8am – 5pm, on 12-16 September as part of their opposition to the new contract. We are expecting a further strikes in October, November and December.

As with past strikes, our senior clinicians, nursing staff and operation leads will work together to put plans in place to ensure that the hospital remains completely safe during these periods of industrial action, this will include cancelling meetings and study leave. We have already stopped booking all but life threatening and cancer patients.

We know that we will have to postpone operations and outpatients appointments, but the extent of cancellations will not be known until more detailed plans are put in place over the coming days. Anyone cancelled will be contacted and we will look to rearrange their appointment as soon as possible.

### Mary Stanley Birthing Unit at Bridgwater Hospital reopens

The Mary Stanley Birth Centre at Bridgwater reopened yesterday (Thursday 1 September) after its suspension over the summer months .

We have been able to recruit three new midwives, following the staffing difficulties we faced due to sickness absence. While the unit was closed for births, eight women affected had their babies at home or at Musgrove Park, and we have not had complaints about the care they received.

### Power failures

Since the incident with a power failure at the hospital in July, we have been talking to Western Power to impress upon it the severe consequences that unplanned power outages could have for our patients. I am pleased to say that some progress has been made with this. Priority contact arrangements have been updated, including direct access for to the control centre in Cardiff.

## Hot topics this week

### NHS England

- [NHS England statement on Sustainability and Transformation Plans](#)
- [NHS England to improve mental health care for armed forces veterans](#)

### NHS Improvement

### Useful links:

[NHS England](#)  
[Department of Health](#)  
[NHS Confederation](#)  
[Care Quality Commission](#)  
[HSJ – requires subscription](#)  
[BBC Health News](#)  
[Nursing Times News Monitor – sign up for news](#)

## Provider bulletin: 31 August 2016

NHS providers are 'up for the challenge' after making a strong start with finances

### Health Foundation

- [Health Foundation response to Health Committee report Public health post-2013](#)
- [Why wouldn't the government take stronger action on childhood obesity](#)
- [Health Foundation response to NHS Improvement's quarterly report on the performance of the provider sector](#)

### The King's Fund

- [The King's Fund responds to reports on NHS sustainability and transformation plans](#)
- [Patient safety: closing the implementation gap](#)
- [District nursing on the edge of crisis](#)
- [Understanding quality in district nursing services](#)
- [Compassionate leadership in health and social care](#)
- [Talking leadership: Sally Hulks on nurturing future leaders](#)

### Latest news in the HSJ

- [BMA council approves five-day junior doctors strike](#)
- [BMA reveals three more five-day full strikes](#)
- [Unnecessary STP secrecy and suspicion](#)
- [Officials warn over 'extremely constrained' capital for STPs](#)
- [NHS provider sector on track to meet financial plans, says regulator](#)
- [New data reveals scale of nursing jobs advertised](#)
- [NHS trusts to lose millions in training funding](#)
- [Katrina Percy resigns as Southern Health chief executive](#)
- [CCGs asked to ensure fetal medicine access following HSJ investigation](#)

## Infection Control

### Summary of C diff / MRSA and Outbreak Status

#### C. difficile - Threshold for Trust attributable cases for 2016/2017 =12

Total No. of trust apportioned C. diff. cases 16/17 = 3

No. of trust apportioned C. diff. cases in September 16 = 0

#### MRSA BSI - Threshold for Trust attributable cases for 2016/2017 – 0

Total No. of trust apportioned MRSA cases 16/17 = 1

Last Trust apportioned MRSA BSI Case – 08/05/2016

### Norovirus

All wards are currently open

## Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Update

Trustwide: Year to date	Trustwide: This week	Trustwide: Last week
01/04/2016 – 28/08/2016	22/08/2016 – 28/08/2016	15/08/2016 – 21/08/2016

<b>94%</b> 29,739 of 31,762	<b>95%</b> 1,406 of 1,482	<b>93%</b> 1,401 of 1,501
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## Trust related news, media enquiries, statements and interviews

### Junior doctors' strike

We have been contacted by BBC Spotlight, ITV Westcountry, Western Gazette and Somerset Live for an update on the trust's contingency planning ahead of the pending junior doctors' strikes on 12-16 September (8am – 5pm). We have issued a response to the media based that says we are not expecting anything different to the previous strikes, and this includes cancellations of some appointments and planned surgery.

### SURE fundraising for new CT scanner

This week BBC Radio Somerset reported that the Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment (SURE) charity has raised £550,000 to buy a new CT scanner for the hospital. To hear interviews with Andrew Morgan, Musgrove's head of radiotherapy physics, and Paul Alway, chairman of SURE, [click here](#) (Note: the interviews are 36 minutes, 20 seconds into the programme).

### Top award for Musgrove's Beacon Centre

BBC Radio Somerset featured a story on its drive programme this week about Musgrove's Beacon Centre getting a seal of approval by team of assessors from the government's Customer Service Excellence programme. They described the hospital as "an excellent organisation providing high levels of care". To hear an interview with Dr Petra Jankowska, Musgrove's consultant – oncology, [click here](#) (Note: the interview is 1 hour, 20 minutes, 20 seconds into the programme).

### Second anniversary of Musgrove's Marie Curie companion service

The Somerset County Gazette has asked to cover the second anniversary of the Marie Curie Companion service, which provides support to people who are nearing the end of their life.

### NHS waiting times – Langport Leveller

We received a media enquiry from the Langport Leveller newspaper about Musgrove missing the A&E four hour wait target every month for the last 11 months, and particularly about how fines levied affect the Trust.

The Trust response dealt with the rise in attendances at A&E and pressures on the department. In spite of not meeting the target we are consistently one of the better performing hospitals in the south, and nationally.

### Maternity request

We have had a request from the RCM's *Midwives Magazine* to interview a midwife as part of a story about monitoring pregnant mums. In particular, the journalist is interested in how the Trust is using the Saving Babies Lives Care Bundle approach when other Trusts use the Doppler scan. We are considering this request.

### BBC link for award for Somerset-wide IBS project

Dr Emma Greig, consultant gastroenterologist, was interviewed by BBC Radio Somerset about an award winning Somerset-wide project that has improved the way patients with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) can manage their condition. Listen to last Monday's breakfast show coverage [here](#) (Go to 36:10 minutes to hear the interview with Dr Emma Greig; and 01:36:40 for the interview with a patient who has benefited from the project) and last Tuesday's drive time show coverage [here](#) (Go to 01:05:00 for an interview with Marianne Williams, Sompar dietitian).

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## Musgrove's Latest Press Releases

Musgrove's latest press releases can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

- [Amazing radiotherapy fundraisers on target to buy new CT scanner for Musgrove Park Hospital](#)
- [Musgrove cancer services recognised for high levels of patient care](#)
- [Thumbs-up for Musgrove's care environment from its patients](#)
- [Somerset leads the way in improving management of irritable bowel syndrome](#)

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## Weekly key regional news

- [Operations at Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital to be postponed during junior latest doctors strike](#)
- [Doctors' strike catches South West hospitals off guard](#)
- [Musgrove Park Hospital rated above the national average in latest patient-led assessments of the care environment](#)
- [Cancer charity SURE buys £550,000 scanner for Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital](#)
- [On-call Somerset ambulance collides with vehicle near Crewkerne](#)
- [Somerset's GPs remind the public to 'get the right treatment' this summer bank holiday](#)
- [Yeovil NHS trust moves to unified healthcare information system](#)
- [Health chiefs at BRI ordered to walk the wards daily after series of failings put patients at risk](#)
- [Pressures on troubled Devon health service provider revealed](#)
- [Concerns over expected cuts to bed numbers at North Devon's district and community hospitals](#)
- [Exeter nurse cleared of sex assault on patient following year-long investigation](#)
- [Mental health treatment in North Devon gets funding boost from government](#)

## Key national news

- [Junior doctors row: Medical leaders condemn strikes](#)
- [Junior doctors row: Hunt calls strike plan 'devastating'](#)
- [New tax needed to fund NHS and care, says ex-minister](#)
- ['Patients at risk' from length of GP consultations](#)
- [Alzheimer's drug study gives 'tantalising' results](#)
- [Third 'given wrong initial heart attack diagnosis'](#)
- [District nurse cuts 'put frail at risk', report suggests](#)
- [Parkinson's protein test could lead to earlier diagnosis](#)
- [Google DeepMind targets NHS head and neck cancer treatment](#)
- [Organ transplants: Ethnic minorities urged to discuss donations](#)
- [Zika: Two billion at risk in Africa and Asia, study says](#)

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