Ashford and St. Peter’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Background
Ashford and St. Peter’s Hospitals NHS Trust was formed following the merger of the separate Ashford Hospital & St. Peter’s Hospital NHS Trusts. This took effect from 1st April 1998. The Trust manages two sites - Ashford in Middlesex and St. Peter’s in Chertsey, Surrey.

Ashford Hospital
Ashford Hospital, situated on the A30 to the west of London, close to the junction 13 of the M25 and Heathrow Airport. The hospital continues to provide a wide range of medical and mainly day surgical services, outpatients services, ophthalmology, a dedicated stroke rehabilitation unit and now includes the Ashford Health Centre and Rapid Access Centre.

The main centres of population served by the hospital are Ashford, Staines, Sunbury, Shepperton, Feltham, Hanworth, Bedfont, Hampton, Teddington, Weybridge and Heathrow Airport.

With the recent closure of the West Wing, all the wards and departments are located in buildings opened in 1995. The Education Centre is in the newest part of the building and provides a focus for training activities in the hospital, including a well equipped library with computerised access, and a state of the art lecture theatre.

St. Peter’s Hospital
St. Peter’s Hospital, Chertsey is situated in greenbelt parkland between Woking and Chertsey near junction 11 of the M25. It is 30 miles south west of central London and 10 miles from Heathrow Airport.

The main centres of population served by the hospital are Woking, Weybridge, Chertsey, Staines and Walton on Thames. Originally St. Peter’s Hospital was built to serve casualties of the Second World War. Over the years, the Hospital has been rebuilt, developed and extended to include maternity services, a department/clinic area and a new theatre complex.

In the early 1990s, the Duchess of Kent Wing which includes the Post Graduate Education Centre and modern well-equipped wards was opened. A new A&E, ITU and Orthopaedic Unit opened in the Summer of 1998 and a £1.5m upgrading of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was opened in 2005. In 2006 two new wards were built onto the Duchess of Kent Wing.
**Education Centre**

There are dedicated education and learning centres on each site – the Education Centre located at the heart of Ashford Hospital and the Oliver Plunkett Postgraduate Education Centre located close by the Duchess of Kent Wing of St. Peter’s Hospital. Both centres receive support funding from the Postgraduate Deanery of Kent, Sussex and Surrey, with additional funding from charitable trusts and benefactors.

The centres provide multi-disciplinary education facilities for the doctors in training, hospital medical staff, general practitioners, hospital scientists, nurses and rehabilitation professionals.

The postgraduate education programme includes seminars, tutorials and study days covering all medical specialties. In addition we provide Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and GP Intensive training. The Basic Surgical Skills Training (BST) programme is also run on site on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In addition, Ashford is an examination centre for the Royal College of Physicians MRCP Clinical Part II examination (PACES).

Both centres provide comprehensive library and learning facilities in pleasant and quiet surroundings.

**Health Service Library**

The Health Sciences Libraries at both Ashford and St. Peter’s hospitals are busy multi-disciplinary libraries serving all NHS and social care staff working in local hospital, community and primary care settings. The Library and Knowledge Services team aims to meet the information needs of users by providing access to the most relevant and up-to-date evidence-based data, delivered at the time and point of need.

The libraries provide a comprehensive range of both print and electronic knowledge and learning resources, excellent IT facilities, and a comfortable and well equipped learning environment which is accessible 24 hours a day. A range of alerting services and fast and efficient document supply complements the inquiry and information service. A programme of Evidence-Based Knowledge Skills workshops and tutorials is available.

**Clinical Placements**

Working largely with Imperial College, St. George’s Medical Schools and the University of Surrey, our clinical placement team co-ordinate and support the training for medical, nursing and health science students during their time with the Trust.

**Education Programmes**

The education centres run a variety of programmes and you are welcome and eligible to join the majority.

Please discuss your interest with your college tutor or a member of the postgraduate centre team, they will be happy to advise.
Please note however, that many of the programmes are mandatory, form an integral part of your training and, are often specific to your rotation or your site - please make a note of the programmes that apply to you early in your stay.

**Details of Education Programmes Trust Wide**

In order to provide the most effective education service for our clinical staff in training, the majority of the educational programmes are duplicated at each site, Ashford and St. Peter’s. Clinical staff attend the programme according to their rotation and location - each clinician is asked to check which programmes apply to their situation.

There are Trust wide training initiatives - one being the educational half-day - where each department and multi-disciplinary team plans and provides training that is key to the development of their team and their specialty. Essential core services are maintained and as many staff as possible are released from routine duties in order that they might attend.

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