

Annual Members' Meeting – 30 September 2025

The Trust's Annual Members' Meeting took place on 30 September 2025 from 5.30-7.30pm in the Ortus Building, 82-96 Grove Lane, SE5 8SN.

During the meeting, there were powerpoint presentations from:

- Professor Clive Kay, Chief Executive – Review of the Year
- Roy Clarke, Chief Financial Officer – Annual Accounts 2024/25
- Jane Lyons MBE, Lead Governor – the role Governors play
- Professor Bu Hayee, Gastroenterology Consultant and Clinical Director – use of Artificial Intelligence in clinical practice
- Dr Shahid Karim, Consultant General Paediatrician – the work of the Bromley Child Health Integrated Partnership (BCHIP).

Digital copies of the presentations are available on request from kch-tr.mediateam@nhs.net

Question & Answer Session

The presentations were followed by a question and answer session.

Below, we have included a brief summary of the questions asked, and a brief summary of the answers provided on the night. Please note: these are not minutes, nor a verbatim report of what was said.

The names of the people asking the questions have not been included. Where two questions have been asked about the same topic, these have been merged into a single question and answer for ease of use.

In the event you need further information about any of the topics below, please email kch-tr.mediateam@nhs.net or telephone 020 3299 3257.

1. What is King's position on Palantir and the Federated Data Platform (FDP)?

Palantir is an American data software company contracted by NHS England to build the NHS Federated Data Platform, a system designed to improve healthcare planning and direct patient care by linking and analysing various NHS data sources.

King's is not currently using Palantir. Our approach is Epic 'first'; Epic is our electronic health record, which we launched in October 2023 together with Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

2. What steps are being taken to improve maternity services at the Trust for Black women?

Our maternity service delivers good clinical outcomes for women compared to the national average. However, evidence shows that Black women have worse maternal outcomes, including a higher maternal mortality and stillbirth rates.

This is a local and national trend, but we have put initiatives in place to improve the experience of Black women using our maternity services. These include, but are not limited to:

- Targeted anti-discrimination and cultural competency training for all maternity staff
- Bespoke workshops led by midwives that are designed specifically for Black and Black Mixed Heritage expectant parents
- Antenatal education is also offered in multiple languages to ensure information is accessible for non-English speaking Black women

Our teams also work closely with partners across Lambeth, Southwark, and Bromley, as well as colleagues based at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, through our Maternity Voices Partnership, to improve experiences for Black women accessing maternity services, as we fully recognise there is more work to do.

What are the Trust's plans for the Wheelshare service at King's?

Wheelshare is a supplementary service for people accessing our King's College Hospital site who would like the option of using a wheelchair to move around the hospital, given its size and scale.

In terms of our plans for the Wheelshare service going forward, we are currently going through a procurement process, which we expect to conclude in the coming weeks. This process will determine how we provide the service going forward, as well as which company we decide to use.

As you would expect, the Trust adheres to the NHS Procurement & Commercial Standards framework to ensure we procure goods and services in an ethical and sustainable way, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

Kings is an NHS Trust, and a provider of healthcare services. This also means we are an apolitical organisation, and for this reason, we do not plan to make any public statements about the events in Gaza (or any other) global conflict, as this is a matter for the UK Government.

Of course, the ongoing events in the region are deeply, deeply troubling, and we are very aware how distressing the ongoing conflict is for our staff, people who use our services, and those within the many different communities we serve.

3. What are the Trust's plans for the Chartwell Cancer Unit, given concerns expressed by patients and local stakeholders about proposed changes to the service?

We have issued a [statement on our website](#) which explains proposals we are developing which would involve bringing all haematology inpatient cancer care provided by the Trust together at King's College Hospital in Camberwell.

However, no final decisions have been made at this stage. We would also like to make clear that, if we go ahead with the proposals above, Chartwell ward at the PRUH will continue to be used as a facility that supports patients with cancer, and between now and December, we will consider options for how it can best meet the needs of local people in the future.

5. Why do CT scan results take so long to appear on MyChart?

The [MyChart](#) app and website enables patients to securely access parts of their health record, giving them more control over their care.

If a patient attends for a CT scan at our hospitals, it must first be reviewed by a consultant before the results of the scan is shared with the patient via MyChart.

Typically, results are available on MyChart within a month of the scan being carried out (blood tests should be available on MyChart within seven days).

If a patient attends our Emergency Department and has a CT scan, the CT will be reviewed before the patient is discharged from our care.

6. Will King's publicise dietary recommendations for bowel cancer prevention?

Yes. The Trust supports bowel cancer awareness programmes, and information about appropriate diet is included on the Trust website, and in patient information literature produced by the Trust.