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Dear member

Welcome to the latest edition of MFT News, our yearly magazine for members of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT).

As with previous years, the past 12 months have been marked by unique demands and challenges, but also by fantastic successes and examples of incredible work.

We have continued to deal with fluctuating COVID-19 cases in the region, as well as working hard across all hospitals and services to tackle the backlog of treatments that have been disrupted by the outbreak.

We have also collaborated with partner organisations across Greater Manchester to provide mutual support and clinically prioritise our patients, and I would like to thank all of our staff and partners for their contributions to this.

In July, on its 74th anniversary, Her Majesty The Queen awarded the NHS with the George Cross in recognition of its services to the country, including the exceptional efforts of NHS staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. This award is

a real testament to all the incredible work everyone has done, and we should all be very proud of our vital contribution to the NHS.

Looking back over the past year, I've been so proud of our achievements and developments across the Trust.

We have continued to run our COVID-19 vaccination and booster campaign for the wellbeing of the public and our staff, as well as supporting our staff through wellbeing events, food and drink provisions, courses, support sessions, mental health workshops and more.

Demolition work is underway at North Manchester General Hospital, in preparation for the transformation of the hospital site which will see a new hospital, wellbeing hub and mental health inpatient unit built over the next few years. You can read more about this on page 4.

Our teams have also been hard at work to get everything in place for our Hive Electronic Patient Record programme, ahead of going live this September. This is a huge project for our Trust that will mean widespread change and improvement in every part and process in the organisation.

In March we welcomed Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, to officially unveil the helipad on Oxford Road Campus which has already helped save many lives and improve outcomes for patients since becoming operational in 2021. We were thrilled and honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness to MFT, you can read more about the visit on page 3.

Then in June we were all thrilled to have achieved our pledge of having no patient waiting for more than 104 weeks for planned treatment, thanks to the superb efforts of colleagues across the Trust.

Teams and individuals across the Trust have been acknowledged nationally with a number of prestigious awards over the last year, including recognition in the Queen's New Year Honours. The Midwifery Team at Saint Mary's Hospital MCS has also been named 'Midwifery Service of the Year' by Royal College of Midwives. Read more about our award winners on page 8. We truly do have so much to be proud of.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our Annual Member's Meeting (AMM) this year will be taking place on Tuesday 20th September, so please save the date. See page 11 for further details and look out for updated information which will be posted on our 2022 AMM webpage and will also be promoted on our MFT social media channels.

I do hope you enjoy reading about the ground-breaking achievements of colleagues across the Trust in this edition. I never fail to be amazed at how MFT continues to deliver improved and advanced care for our patients year on year, especially during these extraordinary times.

Best wishes,

Kathy Cowell

Kathy Cowell OBE DL
Chairman

HRH The Princess Royal opens lifesaving helipad

In March, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal officially unveiled the helipad at Oxford Road Campus.

The helipad allows patients to be seen within minutes by trauma specialists, which can be vital to help save lives and improve outcomes during time-critical situations.

As well as unveiling the helipad, The Princess Royal visited the Antenatal Clinic and Delivery Suite at Saint Mary's Hospital, in her role as Patron of the Royal College of Midwives. The clinic won the Royal College of Midwives Midwifery Service of the Year Award in 2021.

Touring the maternity unit, she met with midwives, maternity support workers, doctors and families with their newborns.

Speaking on the day, MFT Chairman Kathy Cowell OBE DL said: "We were delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to officially unveil our life-saving helipad here in Manchester and to visit our renowned maternity services.



"The helipad has made a tremendous difference to how quickly our trauma teams can respond to emergencies which can be the difference between life and death.

"This wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of everyone who helped with our fundraising appeal and I would like to thank

them all for their hard work.

"Our maternity services continue to provide excellent care to mothers across the city of Manchester and I'm particularly delighted that The Princess Royal was able to spend time today talking to a number of staff about the wonderful care they provide."

Sir Mike Deegan steps down

Sir Mike Deegan, Group Chief Executive of MFT, has announced he is to step down in the early part of 2023.

Kathy Cowell said: "Mike's personal contribution to the development of NHS healthcare and research in Greater Manchester has been outstanding and unmatched over the last two decades.

"He would be the first to praise everyone else involved, but great teams need great leaders, and that is what Mike has been for us. Mike would also say that this success has come not just from the efforts of all our amazing staff, Governors, contractors and volunteers, but from the partnership approach which he has helped build with local authorities, universities and other key stakeholders.

"We will of course ensure that we remain totally focused on providing the highest quality patient care as we recruit Mike's successor, a process which has already started."



MFT Chairman marks the start of demolition

Demolition work has begun at North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH), in preparation for the transformation of the hospital site.

Kathy Cowell made a special visit to NMGH to give the demolition team a helping hand. She joined NMGH Chief Executive Ian Lurcock in knocking down a section of Limbert House, which is being demolished to make way for a new Multi-Storey Car Park and Cycle Hub.

This is the first phase of the total redevelopment of the site, which will see a new hospital, wellbeing hub and mental health inpatient unit built over the next few years.



MFT's first helipad patient on the road to recovery

The first patient to land at MFT's elevated helipad on Oxford Road, Adam Dawson, is on the road to recovery after suffering serious injuries in a motorcycle accident last year.

34-year-old Adam was transferred to the helipad on Oxford Road by North West Air Ambulance in May 2021, just five days after the helipad officially opened.

On arrival, Adam was transported via the high-level patient transfer corridor by specialist helipad transfer teams to Manchester Royal Infirmary (MRI), which is one of two adult Major Trauma Centres in Greater Manchester, for urgent care and treatment.

Adam, who lives in Whitworth, Rochdale said: "I can remember everything. A car knocked me off my bike, leaving me with an open leg wound and fracture in my leg. "Police were the first at the

scene and an off-duty paramedic and nurse were thankfully nearby to provide reassurance. I remember it was raining so neighbours and bystanders provided shelter with umbrellas and made a pillow with their jackets which I was so grateful for.

"I never thought my first time in a helicopter would be under these circumstances, but I was transferred to Manchester Royal Infirmary's Major Trauma Centre. I was in shock after the incident and feeling emotional as my wife, Tamara, had recently given birth to our five-week-old daughter, Elsie and I worried about being able to provide for my family."



Following surgery, a physiotherapist and occupational therapist monitored Adam's progress to ensure he was fit enough to go home. Adam was discharged from the Major Trauma Centre five days later and continues his rehabilitation at home with online physiotherapy sessions and follow-up care at MRI.



£40 million MRI transformation project begins

The next stage in the £40 million renovation project to improve the emergency care facilities at Manchester Royal Infirmary is underway.

In order to keep services running as building work progresses, the pedestrian entrances for the Emergency Department and Urgent Treatment Centre have been temporarily moved to the other side of the hospital building.

MRI's 'Renovation of Emergency Department' – known as Project RED – will enhance services across MRI, which is an adult Major Trauma Centre for Greater Manchester.

Improvements will include a more streamlined layout and ultimately increased capacity, including 10 (up from 6) resuscitation bays and 27 (up from 16) 'majors' cubicles.

Plans also include the creation of six new operating theatres, which will support the hospital's role as one of the regional centres for specialist surgery for Manchester.

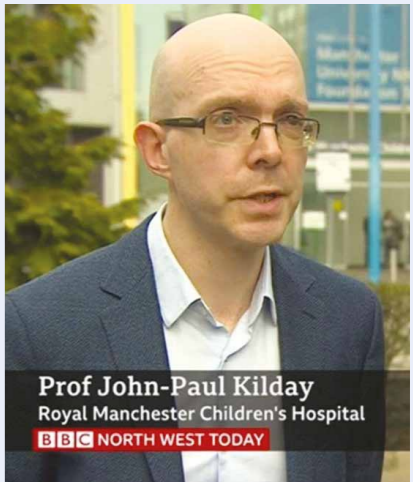
In total, construction is expected to take just over three years to complete.

Ukrainian refugee children begin lifesaving cancer care at RMCH

In March NHS England announced that 21 Ukrainian children who were evacuated to England are under the care of NHS specialist hospital services and are starting their package of cancer treatment.

Professor John-Paul Kilday, Clinical Director of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (RMCH) was interviewed by ITV Granada and BBC North West Tonight about their status and care.

RMCH are very proud to be one of the seven hospitals to provide support to these children and their families at such a difficult time, working closely with partner organisations in the area to provide families with wrap around care.





MFT nurse receives MBE in Queen's New Year Honours

Dr Marie Marshall, Consultant Nurse for Transition at MFT, has received an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours 2022.

As an expert clinical leader, Marie works collaboratively with colleagues locally and nationally to develop transition services that meet the needs of Children and Young People. For example, she has worked with adult diabetes teams to develop a transition clinic, which has seen over 1000 attendances over the past decade.

Marie is also the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professional Lead Research Champion for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, supporting, mentoring and supervising colleagues to embed research into practice to the benefit of patients and families while also developing her own Post-Doctoral research portfolio.

MFT celebrates Silver Award for its commitment to the armed forces community

In September 2021, MFT received a Silver Award under the government's Defence Employer Recognition Scheme for its commitment to the armed forces community.

The scheme acknowledges employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to the defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant. MFT signed this covenant in 2019.

At the special 'Armed Forces Day' ceremony, the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Sharman Birtles JP DL, presented the Silver Award to the Trust's Group Chairman, Kathy Cowell OBE DL, watched by The Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester, Councillor Tommy Judge and Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, as well as MFT staff and armed forces personnel.



Lamp passed on at Year of the Nurse and Midwife closing event

In September, more than 300 nurses and midwives took part in a special event to close MFT's extended Year of the Nurse and Midwife 2020 activities and celebrations, at Manchester Cathedral.

The year 2020 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. The World Health Organisation (WHO) designated 2020 as the first ever International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, providing a "once in a generation opportunity" to celebrate the professions.

As some of MFT's activities and celebrations were delayed by the Trust's response to the COVID-19

pandemic, this was extended into 2021.

Teams and locations across the Trust have hosted the MFT Lamp, an iconic nursing symbol well recognised by the professions, which not only encouraged reflection on learning from the past but provided an opportunity to shine a light on the excellent teamworking, specialist skills and the pride our nurses and midwives take in their professions.

Symbolising the closure of the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, the MFT Lamp was passed by Group Deputy Chief Nurse Sue Ward to its final recipient during the event, Abda Hussain, a Staff Nurse at North Manchester General Hospital.

Great Manchester Run Blue Wave 2022



More than 450 members of staff signed up to take part in the Team MFT Blue Wave at this year's Great Manchester Run in May. The atmosphere on the day was outstanding, with teams and individuals encouraging each other to run or walk the 10K course.

MFT Chairman Kathy Cowell officially started the NHS blue wave, which was at the start of the official white

wave. This year's first walking group was also a great success, making sure everyone had the chance to be included.

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, joined the blue wave this year and raised money for the MFT Charity along with over 170 supporters including former RMCH patient, survivor and fundraiser Freya, who was running for RMCH Charity. Read more on Page 16.

Jubilee Celebrations at MFT

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in February, colleagues and partners from MFT, Sodexo and Tivoli created a Jubilee Garden on the Boulevard of our Oxford Road Campus.

The team have replanted what was the Rainbow Garden with red and white Begonia Semperflorens and blue Ageratums in the image of a Union Jack. MFT Chairman, Kathy Cowell OBE DL went along to take a look and thank the team for their hard work.



Nursing Times Awards

The Nursing Times Awards saw MFT, including Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO) bring home four awards in the following categories:

- **Cancer Nursing**
MFT: The safe introduction of an advanced nurse practitioner led telephone breast pain clinic
- **Respiratory Nursing**
MFT: The importance of treating rhinitis in patients with refractory breathlessness
- **Promoting Patient Self-Management**
MLCO: Promoting lower limb lymphoedema self-care management strategies for patients with learning disabilities
- **Public Health**
MLCO: Healthy weight team

MFT Award winners



MFT's Joint Group Medical Director is the first female doctor to have won a national intensive care award.

One of Manchester's most experienced intensive care consultants has told of her pride at becoming the first female doctor to receive a prestigious national award.

Professor Jane Eddleston is Joint Group Medical Director of MFT and also works as a critical care consultant in Manchester Royal

Infirmery. The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine has just presented its Gold Medal to Professor Eddleston, the first time a female doctor has been given the honour.

The award citation highlighted Professor Eddleston's contributions in patient care, professional leadership and research, saying that "many working in intensive care medicine today have been influenced by her and many patients and services have benefitted from her vision and drive for improvement".



MFT's Imaging Team named winners at HSJ Patient Safety Awards

The Imaging Team at MFT were named winners in the Perioperative and Surgical Care Initiative of the Year category at the HSJ Patient Safety Awards 2021. Held at Manchester Central, the awards celebrated 159 finalists driving quality improvement in patient safety.

Maternity team named Midwifery Service of the Year



Colleagues from Saint Mary's Hospital (SMH) MCS were recognised at the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Awards 2021 as the Maternity Team of the Year.

Musician and broadcaster Myleene Klass presented the Director of Midwifery, Kathy Murphy, and the team at SMH with their award at a prestigious ceremony in London.

This winning midwifery team has shown its commitment to continuous improvement, developing new initiatives to support both women and staff. These have included a smoking cessation service that has supported over 1,000 women, and establishing a six-day-a-week midwife-led scanning service for women in their third trimester.

Kathy Murphy, Director of Nursing and Midwifery at Saint Mary's Hospital said: "We're absolutely thrilled to have received this honour, a testament to the incredible work our midwifery team do each and every day. It's of course been a challenging year for us all, and I'm incredibly proud of the way we've all come together for the good of the communities we serve. Thank you to the team at RCM for the kind recognition."

Hive goes live this September

The biggest digital transformation project in NHS history is now here. In September 2022 Hive, our new Electronic Patient Record system (EPR), goes live. This innovative EPR system, powered by tried and tested Epic software, means we will have one Trust-wide record for each MFT patient. This means information will be available across the Trust no matter where their patient journey takes them.

By holding one MFT record for each patient we can improve patient safety and patient experience. Our staff will have easy access to up-to-date patient information as well as alerts for potential medication errors, allergies, and infection risks. Patients also won't have to repeat general information from their past appointments as staff will now have it to hand, using the new EPR.

As well as improving our internal systems, we're also introducing MyMFT – a brand new patient portal. With MyMFT patients will have greater insight and control over MFT hospital information – with fast, secure access to your data, and the ability to share that access with relevant caregivers and family members. Best of all, MyMFT can be accessed using a computer, smartphone or tablet device!

Hive's much-anticipated launch follows years of exhaustive planning and design work, carried out by a dedicated team of MFT medical, support and corporate staff, as well as technicians, and eager volunteers. The Hive system is a testament to their hard work, professionalism and overwhelming commitment to patient health and wellbeing.

Of course, we know that positive change takes time, and we thank you for your continued support and patience as Hive gets fully up to speed over the next few months!



In memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the news that one of our long-standing Public Governors, Ivy Ashworth-Crees, has passed away this August.

Ivy was passionate about MFT and has been a loyal and valued Governor for over 14 years, with her first term of office being as a Shadow Governor in 2008 in preparation of CMFT being authorised as a Foundation Trust. Since then, Ivy has been successfully elected by the Greater Manchester Public Members which continued after the former Trust was reformed as MFT.

Kathy Cowell said "Ivy has contributed so much to the Trust and was always vocal in her expectations of good patient care for the communities we serve. She was never slow to hold us to account. Indeed, it's due to Ivy's persistence, and commitment to ensuring a good patient experience, that we have the new diabetics centre in the Peter Mount building. Also, I think we will all remember the scrutiny, challenge and focus she brought to the merger decision of UHSM and the acquisition of North Manchester General Hospital.



"Ivy will be deeply missed, as a Governor and a trusted and much loved colleague."

Your Governors and Members in action

As an NHS Foundation Trust, we are accountable to our members, who include our patients, local residents, staff and stakeholders.

Our Governors are the link between our Members and our Board of Directors who make the decisions about our services. At MFT, we have 32 Governors, the majority (24) of which are elected directly from and by our Members. You can find out more about our Governors on our 'Meet our Governors' webpage on the website – mft.nhs.uk.

The last few years have been extremely challenging, with all of us being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To keep everyone as safe as possible, this has again had an impact on our usual programme of Governor and Membership engagement activities and associated meetings and events.

Despite these challenges, MFT's Group Chairman has continued to ensure that Governors are kept up to date by providing a virtual forum. During these virtual meetings, Governors actively seek assurance from Group Non-Executive and Executive Directors alongside receiving key information and updates to support them to fulfil their role.

On behalf of members and the wider-general public our Governors have received regular health-related updates, with some of the key areas including:

- COVID-19 and new remerging variants, treatments, testing regimes and research activity within MFT – including research looking at the specific needs of people from black and minority ethnic communities.



MFT's New Group Non-Executive Directors



- The health and wellbeing of our workforce, and the support which is available to them.
- MFT's strategic aims and annual plan for 2022/23.
- MFT service transformation and recovery plans and associated funding plans.
- The ongoing integration and redevelopment of North Manchester General Hospital.
- Key development information around the progress of the Trust's Electronic Patient Record 'Hive'.
- The introduction of Integrated Care Systems and how Greater Manchester's will operate moving forward.

Our Governors have embraced the new ways of working that have been deployed and have consistently ensured that they carry out their roles with flexibility, commitment and enthusiasm. The Trust's robust governance processes have also ensured that all Governors' statutory duties have been fulfilled. This has included active involvement in the Group Chairman's and Non-Executive Directors' appraisal processes.

Over the past reporting year (2021/22), alongside the reappointment of two Group Non-Executive Directors (Barry Clare and Dame Sue Bailey), our Council of Governors approved two new Group Non-Executive Director appointments, Angela Adimora and Gaurav Batra (Pictured).

Annual Members' Meeting 2022 – Team MFT: Here for You

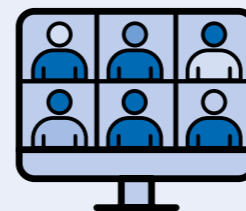
Save the date!

This year, our virtual Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) will be taking place on 20th September 2022.

Film clips will be uploaded on 20th September and will be available to view from 10.00am by visiting the 2022 AMM webpage –

mft.nhs.uk/member-meetings/annual-members-meeting-3/

Following positive responses to our approach last year, we will be once



again producing a series of films in relation to our '2021/22 Annual Report and Accounts' in addition to outlining our 'Plans for the Future'. These films, featuring our Group Chairman, Group Chief Executive, and Group Director of Finance, will cover:

- how our Trust is performing;
- how we are responding to patient and staff feedback;
- our latest developments and future plans.

Our Lead Governor's film will provide a 'Membership Overview' including the results of our current 2022 Governor Elections.

Our Annual Report and Accounts

for 2021/22 is available at the 'Reports and Publications' page on our website.

Viewers can submit any related questions or feedback to the Trust Board Secretary via e-mail at Trust.Secretary@mft.nhs.uk. Responses to appropriate questions will be posted on the 2022 AMM webpage.

Watch out for further promotions via our social media channels in the run up to the meeting.



Future Membership Events

As COVID-19 related restrictions have been relaxed over recent months, we are taking steps to reintroduce some engagement initiatives which have been put on hold due to lockdown/social distancing requirements.

Details of future engagement opportunities, including in-person (face-to-face) events will be promoted over the coming months on our 'Members' Meetings' webpage (www.mft.nhs.uk – listed in 'The Trust' section under 'Governor and Members'). Other news, updates and involvement opportunities are also posted on our 'Membership News' webpage.

During the application process, we ask our Members to let us know what involvement opportunities they are interested in so that we can tailor our communications to meet their involvement needs. We do appreciate that people's interests may change so our new 'Membership Portal' allows interests to be updated directly by Members – details are available on page 13.

If you are not a Member and would like to become one see page 12 for ways to apply.

Governor Elections 2022

One of the benefits of being a Member is being able to stand for election as a Governor alongside voting for the candidates that they feel best represents them. The Trust therefore holds Governor elections each year for those Council of Governor seats which are vacant, or where the Governor's term of office is ending.

The 2022 election process began on the 14th July 2022, with eligible Public and Staff members (aged 16 years or over), being invited to stand for election. Formal election notices, including the list of seats that are open alongside the candidates that are standing, are published on our 'Governor Elections' webpage (www.mft.nhs.uk – listed in 'The Trust' section under 'Governor and Members').

In our current 2022 elections, eight Public Governor seats are open in the following public constituencies:

- Manchester x3
- Trafford x1
- Greater Manchester x3
- Rest of England & Wales x1

There are also four Staff Governor seats open in the following staff classes:

- Nursing & Midwifery x2
- Other Clinical x1
- Non-Clinical & Support x1

By the nomination deadline on 29th July 2022, we were delighted to have received 61 valid nominations from our public and staff member candidates, with all seats being contested.

Currently our eligible public and staff members are voting for the candidates with the formal voting process closing at 5pm on Thursday 8th September 2022. More information about our governor election process can be found on our 'Governor Elections' webpage.

Forward plans

The Annual Plan for 2022/23 was approved by the Board in May and can be found on the Governors and Members section of our website.

The plan sets out what we intend to do in the coming year in order to achieve our short-term targets (such as performance and financial targets) as well as making progress towards our longer-term vision and strategic aims.

The pandemic has had a profound impact on all that we do and this year we have restored our services and are tackling the waiting lists which have built up over the last two years. Alongside that, we are maintaining our focus on our workforce and prioritising staff health and wellbeing.

We are also carrying out one of the biggest transformation programmes that we have ever undertaken – the implementation of Hive, our Electronic Patient Record system. This is not just about the introduction of a new information system, it involves change and improvement in every part of the organisation. Ultimately it will help to improve clinical quality and patient and staff experience, increase operational efficiency and drive research and innovation.

This plan describes the actions that the Hospitals, Managed Clinical Services, Local Care Organisation and corporate teams intend to take in 2022/23. Going forward, a set of measures will be used to review whether or not we have achieved what we set out to do.



Benefits of being an NHS Foundation Trust Member

The views and opinions of our Members are valued – their involvement and support is vital to our future success.

We are committed to having a representative membership that truly reflects the communities that we serve and we welcome members from all backgrounds.

We use a number of different ways to encourage people to join us. Over the past year, these have included:

- A greater use of digital communication channels and social media
- A refresh of promotional materials across all our hospital sites
- Encouraging our Young Members and Governors to promote membership opportunities and benefits to their friends, family and contacts.

If you, your family, friends or colleagues are interested in becoming a public member our NHS Foundation Trust, we would be delighted. Membership is completely free and it's easy to join.

Simply complete a public membership application form – available online: secure.membra.co.uk/Join/MFT
Or use this QR code to take you directly to the online form.



As part of the NHS membership application process, you will be asked to supply your personal data; with any data that you supply being used only to contact you about the Trust's membership or other related

issues and will be processed for these purposes only. All information collected is treated as being strictly confidential, in keeping with Data Protection Rules and is not released to third parties. A copy of MFT's privacy notice can be found on the Trust's website: www.mft.nhs.uk/privacy-policy.

For a paper copy of our Public Membership Application Form, please contact the Membership Office:

E-mail:
ft.enquiries@mft.nhs.uk

Post:
Freepost Plus RRBR-AXBU-XTZT
MFT NHS Trust
Oxford Road
Manchester M13 9WL

Phone: 0161 276 8661
(office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday; answering machine outside these hours)

Members taking action on the environment

Our Trust has a 'Green Plan' to ensure we play our part to meet the NHS commitment to be net zero carbon by 2040. To support this, we would like to reduce the amount of paper we use by sending information to our members by email. If you are a registered member and have a valid email address, and are happy to receive information this way, please support us by adding an email address to your membership record/details.

You can do this by:

- Visiting secure.membra.co.uk/updateemail/mft
- Entering your Member ID* and Home post-code
- Inputting your valid email address – your membership record will be automatically updated.

** If you do not know your member ID or you experience any problems registering your email, please contact the Membership Office via e-mail: ft.enquiries@mft.nhs.uk*



MFT's Member Portal

Registered Members can manage their membership data through our 'Member Portal' by visiting:
secure.membra.co.uk/MemberPortal/MFT **and inputting the email address supplied as part of their application process. Members are asked to input their first name and set a password. To complete the registration process, an email is sent with a link to confirm the 'Member Portal' account.**

This 'Member Portal' makes it quick and easy for registered Members to view, add or update general information, including communication preferences, and 'involvement/engagement interests'. This helps us to make sure that the information we provide to our Members is tailored to their interests, and desired level of involvement.

Any changes made are automatically updated and this process also provides a facility to cancel membership (if you wish to do so).

Any registered Member who experiences problems accessing the 'Member Portal', or who wishes to update their email address, personal/involvement details, or cancel their membership without using the 'Member Portal', should contact the FT Membership Office:

- By E-mail: ft.enquiries@mft.nhs.uk
- By Phone: **0161 276 8661** (office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday with an answering machine available).

More information about Membership and Governors

Further information about Membership and Governors is available on the Trust's website www.mft.nhs.uk – listed in 'The Trust' section under 'Governor and Members'. Alternatively, contact the FT Membership Office as above.

Improving and saving lives through Research and Innovation

Research and Innovation (R&I) at MFT continues to improve and save lives through cutting-edge scientific breakthroughs and discoveries, translated into new tests, treatments, innovations, products, and services for our diverse patients and population. During 2021/22 more than 17,000 participants were recruited to clinical studies, with over 1,400 studies active.

R&I takes place across our hospitals, community settings, and clinical specialties – providing patients with opportunities to be the first in the UK, Europe, and the world, to take part in clinical research studies.

The skills, expertise, and experience of our staff, coupled with our world-class facilities and hosted R&I infrastructure across Greater Manchester, have continued to be utilised as part of a coordinated global effort to continue the understanding and development of treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

Despite the uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination, new variants meant it was critical to keep researching new ways to tackle the virus. Working in partnership with The University of Manchester and US pharmaceutical company Gritstone bio, Inc., MFT was chosen as the chief study site to trial one of the world's first multivariant COVID-19 vaccines. Our newly formed R&I Vaccine Team delivered the early phase trial – involving a small number of people to be the first in the world to be given the treatment – at the NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility at Manchester Royal Infirmary, to an initial participant group aged 60 years and above.

Despite the challenges faced due to the pandemic, we have continued to lead the way in world-first treatments and trials, and R&I has been crucial in establishing new ways of clinical working and treatment in a post-pandemic world.

The Pharmacogenetics to Avoid Loss of Hearing (PALoH) study, delivered at Saint Mary's Hospital and supported by the Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), was instrumental in developing a world-first bedside genetic test that could save the hearing of hundreds of newborn babies every year. Following a successful pilot the NHS will begin the roll-out of the test as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

Due to the expertise of our

researchers in gene therapy studies, MFT has been chosen as the only UK site, and one of only five across Europe, to deliver a revolutionary life-saving gene therapy, Libmeldy. With a reported list price of more than £2.8 million – making it the



most expensive drug in the world – the treatment will become available on the NHS as a specialist service and will be delivered within RMCH in collaboration with Manchester's Centre for Genomic Medicine at Saint Mary's Hospital.

Following results from the Palisade (Peanut Allergy Oral Immunotherapy Study of AR101 for Desensitization) trial delivered at the Manchester CRF at RMCH, children in the UK will be able to receive Palforzia – a life-changing oral treatment for peanut allergies – as NHS standard of care following approval for use by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

In recognition of MFT's reputation as a world-leading hospital trust for digital health technologies, we joined with international partners to become part of the Smart Hospital Alliance (SHA) to drive the expansion of cutting-edge digital health technologies for the benefit of our patients and communities. We were also selected by the Health Foundation, an independent charity, to be part of its new programme supporting health care providers to create the conditions to enable faster and more effective uptake of innovations and improvements to improve health outcomes for the diverse population the Trust serves. We have also joined a growing group of like-minded organisations working together to utilise health data for research and innovation to benefit the public, as part of the UK Health Data Research Alliance.

And following the arrival of our state-of-the-art Research Van in late 2021 we are now able to bring our ground-breaking R&I closer to our communities and widen opportunities to take part in research by visiting easy-to-reach locations such as community centres and supermarket car parks. The purpose-built one-stop mobile facility – only the second of its type in the country – includes a pharmacy and clinical area containing all equipment necessary to run vaccine programmes, clinical trials, and bespoke clinical projects out in the community.

Love Letter to the NHS

The past few years have been challenging for us all and we would like to 'thank you' for the kindness, support and overwhelming positive sentiments received as part of our 'Love Letter to the NHS' campaign (2021) – some of the comments received are shared below:

"Thank you for all your hard work through the pandemic and in general!"

"Many thanks to Everyone within the NHS from Cleaners up to high management."

"You are great, we love you all."

"Thank you so much for everything you do. Your work is appreciated"

"I have nothing but respect and admiration for the NHS and its staff. I think they do a remarkable job under extremely challenging circumstances often at physical and emotional cost to themselves. Our NHS is the envy of the world. Let's keep it that way."

"I love service. Staff is too good. Don't even have word to thank NHS properly."

"All in all, I think I have a good reason to value the NHS – long may it prosper!"

"Cochlear implants have changed my son's future immensely. We're so grateful for the care and treatment he's received."



Thank You event

Charity Patron John Thomson hosted our Thank You event in July, held during NHS Birthday week and on Dress to Impress for the NHS Day. The annual event is in recognition of our amazing fundraisers and supporters.

We were delighted to hear speeches from Chairman Kathy Cowell OBE DL, the Charity's Senior Manager – Community Angela Rowe and young fundraisers Hughie Higginson and Freddie Xavi.

These events are really important to our Charity, as it gives us the opportunity to thank all the people who give up their spare time to support the treatment, research and care projects we fund across the Trust.



Great Manchester Run

In May we were delighted to welcome back our fundraisers, including many MFT staff fundraisers, for the Great Manchester Run 10K.

This year's event was poignant for those affected by the Manchester Arena Attack as it was held on 22nd May 2022 – five years to the day since the atrocity.

We were pleased that Arena Attack survivor and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital patient Freya Lewis was able to run in the children's hospital colours again this year, while Mayor Andy Burnham donned a blue top to run in support of Manchester Foundation Trust Charity.

Freya was just 14 years old when she was injured in the blast. Sadly she lost her best friend Nel Jones in the attack along with 21 other concert goers.

Andy has spoken on many occasions of his support for the NHS, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andy told the press: "I'm proud to be running on behalf of MFT Charity and raising funds to support its hospitals. It's the very least I can do to say thank you to those who do amazing things to keep the rest of us safe."

We're very thankful to everyone who ran the Great Manchester Run for us this year.

Guinness World Record

One of our fundraising families now has a place in the history books after raising more than £7,000 for our Charity and bagging a Guinness World Record in the process.

Tom Finkill received the internationally renowned accolade for "longest online quiz live stream" at 48 hours, 11 minutes and 7 seconds. The quiz was hosted in August 2021 but the record only became official in July 2022, after Tom was in constant communication with the organisation to supply evidence, witness signatures, and get the attempt verified.

Tom started hosting online quizzes during lockdown and to date has raised more than £15,400 for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity. The family were inspired to support the children's hospital after daughter Sofia was treated there for her development dislocation of the hip (DDH).

You can watch a video of the quiz coming to an emotional close on the RMCH Charity website.

