

Maternity service — Multiple Birth services

Multiple Birth antenatal clinics provided by multiple birth midwives, Nikki James-Lowe and Sophie Linghorn, launched in November last year to support the specialist multiple birth clinics provided by the consultant obstetricians. The multiple birth midwives provide antenatal checks, antenatal education and support for women pregnant with DCDA twins. The service is supported by TAMBA (Twin and Multiple Birth Association) and NHS England as part of the Maternity Engagement Project.

For more information you can email the multiple birth midwives on:

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Click [here](#) for more information about the Multiple Birth Clinic

Click [here](#) for a link to the TAMBA website



GP In Reach - Pilot Project to Facilitate Discharge and Reduce Length of Stay

As part of the Emergency Care Programme Board work a pilot was carried out to see if a GP providing an 'in reach' service in AAU/internal medical wards could facilitate discharges and reduce length of stay. It was a 2 month project; 1 month with in reach from Dr Nick Merrifield (New Malden) and 1 month with in reach by Dr James Benton (Kingston). The GPs attended Kingston Hospital 2-3 times per week for approximately 3 hours. On average there were between 45-50 patients from the New Malden or Kingston area in KHFT at any one time.

The biggest 'wins' were with patients well known to the GP, who were then able to give background knowledge, information regarding how they normally manage at home, triggers and solutions at the point of crisis. The main limiting factor being that the numbers of patients known to each practice were small.

Moving on from this pilot we are now looking at linking Geriatricians with localities to create a direct link and build up working knowledge of the people and services in the different localities. Secondly we are planning another small pilot to look at notification of admission (to go out to the Holmwood and Canbury surgeries), so that if GPs recognise complex patients well known to them have been admitted to hospital, they can contact us to find out the purpose for admission, discuss any rate limiting steps and create shared management plans.

Trimbow Trimbow, a 3-in-1 combination inhaler has now been approved by Kingston Drugs & Therapeutics group for patients who have moderate to severe COPD with an FEV1 \leq 50% and who have frequent exacerbations. Trimbow, pMDI 87/5/9mcg is prescribed as 2 puffs twice daily and offers patients the choice of receiving triple therapy in a single inhaler at a lower cost. When Trimbow is prescribed, prescribers should discontinue other LAMA/LABA/ICS inhalers.



Study Days at Kingston Hospital:

19th June 2018 Study Day—End of Life care for children with life limiting conditions

4th July 2018—Sexual Health Annual Update Evening

14th & 21st September 2018—STI Foundation Course

Click [here](#) for [EOL Study Day](#) [Sexual Health Evening](#) [STI Foundation Course](#) & [STI course booking form](#)

Audiology Service - GP Feedback

Thank you to all practitioners who completed the Audiology GP satisfaction Survey between January – March 2018. Although response numbers were lower than hoped, a number of responses were received indicating satisfaction with the service. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the on-line questionnaire. One free text comment stated 'patients come to us with very few issues once they are known to the audiology services which implies they are easily accessible and support patients very effectively with any queries and difficulties they may have'. The survey did however highlight a need for clarity around services offered and referral routes. We therefore hope the attached summary is helpful.

Click [here](#) for [Audiology service summary](#)

Feedback on our Endoscopy service - We would like to receive your feedback on the endoscopy service via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HYCN2NP#>

Cardiology service - the email address for the cardiology service is: khft.cardiacinvestigations@nhs.net. GPs can use this email address for queries, requesting results and other general information.

Falls Prevention Leaflet A leaflet has been produced as part of our Falls Prevention Programme with tips on avoiding falls during a hospital stay and contact details for community services.

Click [here](#) for the [Falls Prevention Leaflet](#)