

ALDER HEY **MATTERS.**

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ALDER HEY WELCOMES NEW CEO

JOHN GRINNELL BECAME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ALDER HEY IN NOVEMBER, SUCCEEDING LOUISE SHEPHERD CBE, WHO LEFT IN OCTOBER FOLLOWING 16 YEARS IN CHARGE.

Since joining Alder Hey back in 2017 as Director of Finance and Deputy CEO, John had taken on an enhanced leadership role as Managing Director and Chief Finance Officer.

He has been integral in driving the development of the Trust's ambitious new strategy to deliver a healthier, happier and fairer future for children and young people.

Alder Hey Chair Dame Jo Williams said: "John is already well known and well respected within Alder Hey and our wider, local health economy, having played a leading role since joining us in April 2017.



"His expertise and experience of managing NHS finances is well recognised, and it is matched by his absolute commitment to ensuring children and young people have the best possible start to life. His skills and

vision are exactly what Alder Hey needs, and I'm confident that with the support of the Trust Board, the Executive team and our colleagues, he will successfully guide us through the next stage of our journey."

“It's a deep honour to have been entrusted with the care of Alder Hey. It's a responsibility I take very seriously because I recognise the important role that we, as part of a wider healthcare system, must play in addressing the health inequalities that exist in our City Region and beyond. Working alongside our brilliant people and partners, I am confident that we can make a difference.”

John Grinnell, CEO



Alder Hey provides audiology services to children and young people across Liverpool, Southport and West Lancashire.

GOVERNORS PLAY KEY ASSURANCE ROLE

Parent and Carer Governor Graeme McKenna recently visited our Audiology Department as part of a Quality Assurance Round (QAR).

QARs are offered to governors as a way to better understand the individual services provided within

the hospital so that they can discuss further at regular Council of Governors meetings and ultimately hold the Alder Hey Board to account.

"I found the QAR insightful in terms of how well managed and safe the

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service is and how valued it is by our children, young people and their families.

“We were shown a short video of parents/carers with patients that had been fitted with hearing aids and are now able to communicate with their families. We also heard about the benefits of early intervention which can lead to full recovery of hearing.

“The QARs are an excellent opportunity for staff to showcase the fantastic work they perform locally but also highlight key challenges with both executive and non-executive directors.

“One of the things the team are looking at is introducing an Apprenticeship Programme to help national shortages with recruitment. I look forward to hearing more about that in the future.”

For more information about our Audiology Service [visit here](#).

ALDER HEY SUPPORTS YOUNG PEOPLE TO BECOME NICOTINE FREE

In November 2024, Alder Hey opened referrals to a new clinic supporting children and young people who want to stop vaping.

Aimed at 11-15-year-olds who are nicotine dependent as a result of vaping, the clinic is the first of its kind in the UK.

Recent data from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) suggests that 18% of UK 11-17-year-olds (around 980,000 children) have tried vaping.

Many vapes contain nicotine, which is well-established as a cause of addiction and is harmful to a person's physical and mental health. Vaping can cause symptoms such as coughing and wheezing, and side effects may be more common in those with underlying respiratory conditions such as asthma or cystic fibrosis. Vaping can also be a precursor to traditional smoking, increasing the likelihood of using cigarettes in the future, which carries significant health risks.

Prof. Rachel Isba, Consultant in Paediatric Public Health Medicine at Alder Hey and the service lead for the new clinic, said:

“Children and young people are consistently asking for services like this, and this was one of the main reasons it was developed. Many are aware that vaping isn't beneficial to them and their development and want to cut down or quit. With the rise in the number of children and young people vaping and the significant uncertainty regarding the long-term impacts and potential harms in this age group, our clinic aims to provide crucial support for individuals affected by vaping.”

The new vaping clinic underlines Alder Hey's overarching commitment to building a healthier and fairer future for children and young people everywhere.



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A Healthier, Happier and Fairer Future for Children and Young People

LATEST NEWS

NOVEMBER



£1.1M FUNDING BOOST FOR RESEARCH

Alder Hey was awarded £1.1m from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) to improve the delivery of research across Liverpool.

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

Our Annual Members' Meeting took place in November and featured a special presentation from our fantastic Children and Young Person's Forum as well as updates on the Trust's performance. Read more about our performance in our Annual Report on our website!



ALDER HEY DOC BECOMES NHSE NATIONAL SPECIALTY ADVISOR

Dr Fulya Mehta (Consultant Paediatric Diabetologist) was appointed as an NHSE National Specialty Advisor for Diabetes in children and young adults. National specialty advisors use their expertise and knowledge to support NHS England's prevention and long-term conditions programmes and priorities.



DECEMBER

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVE SEASON

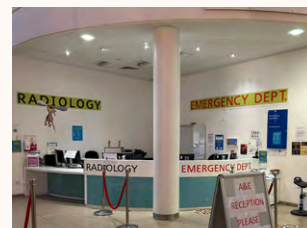
Alder Hey kicked off the festive season with a magical light switch on event featuring musical performances, costumed characters, Father Christmas and warming refreshments. We were grateful to all those who took the time to visit and spread some Christmas cheer including Everton and Liverpool football clubs, Jamie Carragher, the Jockey Club, Wrexham FC and the Elf on the Shelf!

We spent time recognising our staff too, with over 100 nominated colleagues invited to a special celebration Christmas lunch!



ED MOVES HOME

In January, Alder Hey's ED triage and waiting area moved to a new temporary location within the main Atrium and Radiology Department. The move is part of ongoing works to construct a new purpose-built facility housing a Paediatric Admission Unit, a Same Day Emergency Centre and an Urgent Treatment Centre. This new facility will enable children and young people to receive timely care from the most appropriate clinical team, improving overall experience while reducing waiting times and length of stay.



FEBRUARY

ALDER HEY AND BBC TEAM UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

BBC Radio Merseyside broadcast live from our Hospital as part of a special programme for Children's Mental Health Week.



The broadcast featured interviews with Alder Hey clinicians and they also spoke to families about what makes Alder Hey so special.

MEDICINEMA OPENS AT ALDER HEY



MEDICINEMA OPENED A NEW CINEMA FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES AT ALDER HEY IN NOVEMBER.

A partnership between the charity MediCinema, Alder Hey Children's Charity and Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, this state-of-the-art cinema is the only one at a standalone paediatric hospital in the UK and the first cinema in a hospital in the North West of England.

The specially designed cinema can accommodate 34 people and allows children and young people to attend screenings in their beds or wheelchairs, accompanied by their families and a nursing team. This allows them to enjoy the latest films like many cinemagoers while still receiving any care in hospital they need.

“What a wonderful experience for our daughter and myself. We were thrilled when we were invited to watch the film. It was so lovely to see how much she enjoyed it, she has been receiving intensive treatment which has been really hard for her, so to be able to forget about it for a while was absolutely wonderful and very much needed. The greeters and

helpers were wonderful, welcoming and very helpful. What a wonderful happy place for children to enjoy some downtime... Thank you so much x”

Parent feedback after attending Medicinema with daughter



KIDS CORNER - SPRING EDITION

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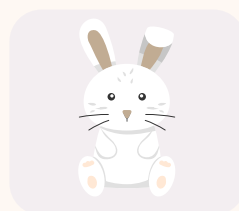
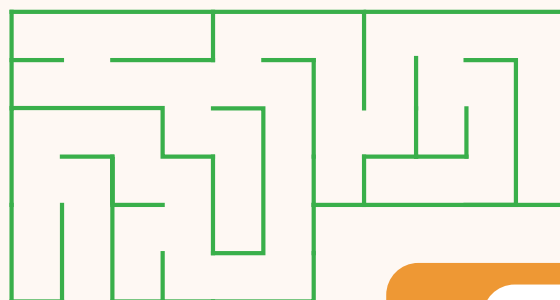
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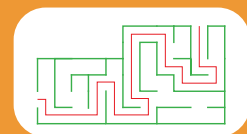
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CARROT CHASE

Which path takes bunny to her carrots?



ANSWERS:
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SPRING, SEEDS, BUNNIES