



NOA Awards

Congratulations to Christine Douglas, RNOH Physiotherapist, on winning the NOA (National Orthopaedic Alliance) Excellence on Orthopaedic Awards. Christine impressed the judges with her presentation on 'Telemedicine in Ponseti Management of Clubfoot Deformity' in the Digital Innovation category. On winning the award, Christine said: "It's so good to receive recognition for our RNOH Ponseti service. Our team continues to improve services and experience for children with clubfoot and their families."

The Trust's second finalists in the Digital Innovation category, Alessandro Sironi and Becky Tobin from the Improvement Team, gave a presentation on 'First Person Patient Pathway Videos to Decrease Anxiety for Special Needs Patients'.

Well done and congratulations to our winners and finalists.



Christine receives her award



Curtain up on theatres

In April 2021 three projects were identified which would underpin the Trusts Strategy for growth and efficiency: the Surgical Admission and Procedures Unit (SAPU), additional Operating Theatres and a new Critical Care facility. SAPU was completed and operational in November 2021 and the Critical Care work stream is currently finalising a Full Business Case for submission to the Trust Board.

The Trust Board approved a Full Business Case for a suite of four new operating theatres in December 2021 and central funding has been secured. A procurement exercise resulted in the appointment of a preferred partner who will design and construct the new facility and the detailed design is almost complete. The facility is to be a modular building and so most of the construction of the parts will take place in a factory. The modules will then be delivered to site and fitted together. There will be some enabling works happening in the helipad area in the coming months to prepare for the arrival of the modules in March 2023. The finished building are expected to be handed to the Trust in July 2023 and to be operational next September.

These four theatres will enable the Trust to carry out some 2118 additional elective cases per year. This development will impact substantially on treating the backlog of patients both across London and nationally.

