



NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC ALLIANCE

As a founding member organisation of the National Orthopaedic Alliance (NOA), ROH is part of a network of orthopaedic providers working to shape the future of orthopaedics. The NOA is multidisciplinary and leads on collaboration across all orthopaedic services by providing opportunities for colleagues from member organisations to share experiences and address shared challenges with an aim of delivering consistent, high-quality care for patients nationwide.

NOA benefits for ROH staff

Did you know that all colleagues at ROH can attend NOA webinars, workshops, and events such as the NOA Annual Members' Conference free of charge? You can find out about other member benefits on the NOA website: www.nationalorthopaedicalliance.co.uk

NOA Annual Members' Evaluation - help shape the direction of the NOA

Every year, the NOA gives colleagues at member organisations a formal opportunity to anonymously rate and comment on the work of the alliance through our annual members' evaluation. ROH colleagues are invited to take just 5 minutes to complete this survey by 8 January 2023.

Upcoming NOA events

All staff at ROH can attend NOA webinars, workshops, meetings and events free of charge. Upcoming events include:

- **29 November 2023, 1:00- 2:15pm** - NOA webinar: Sustainability and the Green Agenda in Orthopaedic Surgery
- **17 October 2024: NOA Annual Members' Conference**

Find out more about current events via nationalorthopaedicalliance.co.uk



Find out more

If you want to read more about the NOA and see how you can get involved:

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Register: ROH staff are entitled to register for the members' area of the NOA website to access even more resources and information. Register here: bit.ly/NOAMembersArea

Sign up: You can register to receive the NOA newsletter here: bit.ly/NOAMemberNewsletter

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Royal Orthopaedic Hospital celebrates after orthopaedic award wins



In October we attended the National Orthopaedic Alliance Excellence in Orthopaedics Awards where we won two categories. The industry awards showcase the best of orthopaedics, and scooping two wins at this event is a huge achievement.

First to win an award was the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital/University Hospitals Birmingham Mutual Aid Collaboration for the Partnership and Integration Initiative.

The project's aim was to reduce patient waiting times across the BSOL Integrated Care System, which had been exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic. Following an assessment of patients and waiting times across both trusts, it was clear that University

Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) had significantly more patients waiting over 52 weeks and, with the consent of patients, the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital took cohorts to be treated quickly.

Colleagues at both trusts continue to go above and beyond to support orthopaedic patients and in total, 2,000 patients have been transferred and treated at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital on behalf of UHB and BSOL over the course of the project.

By coming together and collaborating on an approach with patients at its heart, both trusts were able to significantly improve the patient journey, and ultimately outcomes for orthopaedic patients.



The second award win of the night was the Workforce Retention Initiative - the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital's Financial Wellbeing Initiatives. The project was celebrated for recognising the impact of the escalating cost of living across the Trust for its workforce, patients and the local community and launching specific initiatives to ease this strain.

Following a series of focus groups to understand how we could support colleagues with their financial wellbeing, we developed a series of initiatives. These included resources signposting available services to colleagues, a period dignity programme – the Blue Bag Project – providing free period products, £1 meals at the on-site Café Royale and out of hours food provision. A Hardship Fund was also launched, a one-off grant staff and patients can apply for requesting support to alleviate financial stress.

Matt Revell, Medical director at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, said: "Being shortlisted is a huge achievement, but winning two awards really pays testament to the quality of the projects and strength of initiatives run by my

colleagues and teams at the ROH.

"The NOA awards are a wonderful platform to share best practice with Orthopaedic colleagues and showcase the amazing, innovative work happening at the ROH."

The NOA Excellence in Orthopaedics Awards recognise NOA member organisations, projects and teams that have distinguished themselves through exemplary contributions, influence, and commitment to transforming services across orthopaedics. The Awards are an opportunity to not only celebrate achievement but to share best practice and promote continued collaboration in orthopaedics nationwide.

