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Press release: St George's Hospital Charity partnership with Tooting and Mitcham United FC

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We are pleased to announce the partnership between St Georges Hospital Charity and Tooting and Mitcham United FC (TMUFC).

St Georges Hospital has a close relationship with TMUFC, playing a part in the lives of many of the club's players and fans. TMUFC'S 3G pitches are regularly used by teams from St George's medical school and the mental health department for matches. Additionally, the club has supported the Charity in raising funds at a comedy night fundraiser back in September 2019.

The relationship has grown from strength-to-strength thanks to the generosity of two TMUFC supporters. In April 2020, TMUFC launched a very successful crowdfunding campaign to help the club while it was closed during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic. Subsequently, supporters Ciaran Kelly and Emmeline Pinion purchased a 'Friend of TMUFC' package to support the club. As part of this package, Ciaran and Emmeline received a business advertising opportunity at the club which they generously donated to St George's Hospital Charity to raise awareness of the Charity and how it is working to help patients and NHS staff at St George's and Queen Mary's hospitals, and the wider community.

The package includes advertising via the club website, social media posts, a pitch-side banner, and a profile in the programme. The club then decided to strengthen the relationship further by featuring the St George's Hospital Charity logo on the first team kit shorts as well as fundraising via bucket collections throughout the season. In return, St George's Hospital Charity hope to support TMUFC by sharing the NHS discount on match tickets with NHS staff, using their connections to assist with their community engagement and collaborating on future events together.

Both TMUFC and St George's Hospital Charity are very excited about the opportunities that the partnership will bring, particularly in bringing our local communities together.

Amerjit Chohan CEO at St George's Hospital Charity said: '*When Ciaran contacted us, we were very touched that he chose to use this opportunity to support his local hospital and our local NHS heroes. During these unprecedented times, we are seeing so many acts of kindness in the hospital and our community and would like to thank Ciaran and Tooting and Mitcham United FC for this opportunity.*'

Caroline McRoyall, Chair at Tooting and Mitcham United FC said: It is thanks to the generosity of our supporters that this opportunity has arisen to bring both organisations closer together and we look forward to working in partnership over the season..

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Photography

You can download a selection of images here (available for 7 days) **PLEASE INSERT PHOTOS**

About St George's Trust

St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is an amazing place. The Trust serves a population of 1.3 million across south west London, as well as offering a large number of complex services such as cardiothoracic medicine and surgery, neurosciences and renal transplantation, which cover 3.5 million people from the Surrey and Sussex areas. To make this happen, 9,000 staff work around the clock to deliver excellent patient care.

St George's is also one of the country's principal teaching hospitals. St George's, University of London trains a wide range of healthcare professionals from across the region and undertakes advanced medical research, bringing benefits to patients locally, nationally and internationally.

About St George's Hospital Charity

St George's Hospital and Queen Mary's Hospital are two places where incredible things happen every day.

St George's Hospital Charity exists to support these hospitals and the communities they serve. We give grants and raise funds to improve facilities, provide equipment, enable ground-breaking research and fund an array of arts activities, as well as support staff. Every day, our work makes a real difference to patients, their families and friends, and the staff who care for them.

In the last year, more than 50,000 people benefited from the work of the charity. We issued grants of £2.3 million across both St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals. Just some of the projects we've funded include pain distraction devices for our children's wards, bedside music every week to improve morale for long-stay inpatients, and over £400k invested towards three separate medical research studies to make a positive impact on patient care.

The work of St George's Hospital Charity wouldn't be possible without the support of the donors, grants, foundations and individual fundraisers who all assist us in our work. If you want to find out more about St George's Hospital Charity you can find us [online](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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