

Our Covid story

A look back at some key moments during the Covid pandemic - share YourCovidStory@nhs.net



Coronavirus epicentre
Brighton 'super-spreader' brings the novel coronavirus to Sussex as an A&E colleague in Worthing is among the first in country to contract the virus and hospital becomes focus of national news.



Outpouring of support
As Covid cases surge across the country, the nation 'Claps for Carers' to show appreciation for NHS heroes, creating incredible scenes like this outside Princess Royal in Haywards Heath.



Come on Donna!
Staff at St Richard's turn out in force to applaud the discharge of their longest staying Covid-19 patient, Donna Morgan. Her husband Toby spent 92 days fundraising more than £100,000 for the hospital.

February 2020

March 2020

April 2020

May 2020

June 2020

July 2020

Stay home | Save lives
The UK enters its first national lockdown to protect the NHS. In line with national guidance, all non-urgent activity is paused and strict new visiting restrictions are applied.



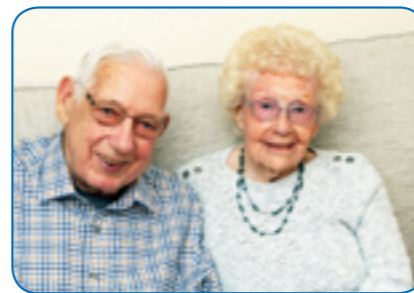
BBC films in County ITU
Critical Care in Brighton give special access to BBC news to speak about life inside intensive care, looking after the most seriously ill Covid-19 patients.



Project Wingman lands
With the airline industry in difficulty, pilots and cabin crew come together to provide a first class lounge service in Worthing and Chichester. The volunteers have now landed in Haywards Heath and Brighton too.



Massive second wave
As Covid admissions rise to more than four times first wave peak, Covid related staff absences rise to nearly 10%, hundreds of staff are redeployed to the areas in most need and the British Army and RAF offer their support.



Holding hands forever
The Duchess of Cambridge chooses a photo of loving couple Pat and Ron Wood married for 70 years holding hands in Worthing Hospital before their death from Covid for National Portrait Gallery exhibition.



#PortraitsforNHSheroes
A national project to immortalise in pictures many of the NHS professionals working through the pandemic sees dozens of colleagues painted for posterity by professional artists.

January 2021

December 2020

November 2020

October 2020

September 2020

August 2020

Vaccine offers fresh hope
Colleagues and patients at the County site in Brighton are among the first in the country to receive their Covid jab on the first day of a new nationwide vaccination programme.



Best ever flu campaign
With Covid levels rising, it was more important than ever to prevent the spread of flu and record numbers of staff in all our hospitals take advantage of their free NHS flu jab.



Record length of stay
After 109 days receiving lifesaving treatment at the County in Brighton, Yim Ying (known as Lin) Bloor finally returns home and starts fundraising for the hospital.

