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Introduction

The principal aim of the SCTS Board of Representatives (BORS) is to promote and share quality improvement in cardiothoracic surgery, as well as provide an effective line of communication between each cardiothoracic surgical unit in the United Kingdom & Ireland and the SCTS Executive.

It is in this regard that we have produced the 2025 SCTS BORS unit reports, which document the major events that have occurred in each of the forty-eight units throughout the United Kingdom & Ireland and, more specifically, examples of best practice that have been introduced over the past year. This will allow other units to integrate these ideas locally to improve the quality of care for cardiothoracic surgical patients. In addition, the report gives us an idea of the major plans that each of the units is contemplating in the year ahead.

Through the annual submission of the unit reports, we are also able to ascertain the level of consultant cardiothoracic surgical staffing within each unit to help with workforce planning and highlight potential opportunities of employment in the country

In short, the enclosed SCTS BORS combined unit reports document the recent changes in cardiothoracic surgical practice throughout the United Kingdom & Ireland and the consultant surgical workforce employed to deliver it.

We thank you all for your contributions to this report and the Society.

With best wishes



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England

1. Basildon University Hospital

Unit Representative: Ms A Rossi (Cardiac), Mr Naase (Thoracic)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Mr Hasnat Khan	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Valve Surgery
Mr Arvind Singh	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Mr Sudhir Bushari	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral valve Surgery
Ms Alessia Rossi	Cardiac	Substantive	Minimally Invasive cardiac surgery
Mr Alberto Albanese	Cardiac	Substantive (currently in sabbatical leave)	Mitral Valve Surgery
Mr Antonio Bivona	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Mr Ahmed Shazly	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic Surgery
Mr Sanjeevan Sriskandarajah	Cardiac	Locum	General cardiac surgery
Mr Tariq Minhas	Thoracic	Substantive	Minimal invasive thoracic
Mr Hatam Naase	Thoracic	Substantive	Minimal invasive thoracic
Mr Abdullah Badran	Thoracic	Substantive	Minimal invasive thoracic

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointed 2 CNS for Cardiac and 1 for Thoracic, in total we have 4 CNS for cardiac and 2 for thoracic
- Established minimally invasive mitral valve program
- Established two thoracic trials
- Essex CTC Wet Lab program in cardiac and thoracic recognized by the RCS

- Started AF Surgical ablation, (Convergent procedure)
- Transcatheter Edge to Edge MVRepair in collaboration with the Cardiologists
- ANGIOVac system used for removal of tricuspid vegetation (First case in UK)

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Collegiate review of complex and subspeciality cases for cardiac and thoracic
- Introduction of thoracic MDM internal with collaboration and attendance of pathologist
- WATCH pathway introduced for inpatient CABG
- Virtual ward/remote monitoring with ORTUS platform for elective patients
- Introduced dedicated team for monitoring patients with I.E.
- Formulated an educational video for pre-op cardiac patients to introduce them to the CTC and the expected pathway for surgery

Plans for the year ahead

- The FARSTER CARE trial
- Expand the minimally invasive program introducing RAT for AVR

2. Birmingham Children's Hospital

Unit Representative: Phil Botha

NAHP Representative: Lynda O'Connor

Trust Appointed Doctor

(TAD) Representative: Adrian Crucean

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Phil Botha	Congenital	Substantive	
Tim Jones	Congenital	Substantive	
Natasha Khan	Congenital	Substantive	
Nigel Drury	Honorary (Academic)	Substantive	
Joseph George	Congenital	Substantive	

Notable events over past 12 months

- Newly qualified surgical care practitioner
- New trainee SCP appointed
- Waiting list increased considerably

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Cardiac arrest prevention pathway on PICU

Plans for the year ahead

- Attempt to re-establish pre-pandemic activity levels
- Increase access for ACHD cases, remains very limited

3. Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

Unit Representatives: Eshan Senanayake (Cardiac), Babu Naidu (Thoracic)

Deputy Representative: Moninder Bhabra

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Babu Naidu	Thoracic	Substantive	Emphysema, Pectus
Maninder Kalkat	Thoracic	Substantive	Airway, Chest wall
Hazem Fallouh	Thoracic	Substantive	Diaphragm, Emphysema
Vanessa Rogers	Thoracic	Substantive	
Ashvini Menon	Thoracic	Substantive	Navigational Bronchoscopy
Robin Wotton	Thoracic	Locum	
Stephen Rooney	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, Transplant
Moninder Bhabra	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, Transplant
Ahmed Ashoub	Cardiac	Substantive	CAD, Transplant
Aaron Ranasinghe	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant, Aortic
Eshan Senanayake	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, Transplant
Ivan Yim	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, Transplant
Chris Bond	Congenital	Locum	ACHD, Transplant

Notable events over past 12 months

- Strategy Day with attendee from all parts of the Thoracic surgery pathway contributing
- Appointment of Mr. Ivan Yim as a 3rd mitral surgeon
- Appointment of Mr. Chris Bond as a dedicated ACHD surgeon in collaboration with the Birmingham Children's Hospital, to deal with the growing ACHD population needing surgery

- Expansion of the heart and lung transplant programme, with all surgeons performing transplantation

Plans for the year ahead

- Robotic Surgery
- Enhanced recover unit for cardiac surgical patients
- Working on the surgeon of the week model
- 10-degree fridge for lung transplantation

4. Victoria Hospital, Blackpool

Unit Representative: Bejoy Philip (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: David Rose (Cardiac)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Mr Manoj Purohit	Th	Substantive (Thoracic Lead)	Minimally Invasive Thoracic
Mr Ali Zamir Khan	Th	Substantive	Minimally Invasive Thoracic
Mr Bejoy Philip	Th	Substantive	Minimally Invasive Thoracic
Prof Mohamad Nidal Bittar	CT	Substantive (Aortic Lead)	Aortic
Mr Joseph Zacharias	CT	Substantive	Minimally Invasive Cardiac
Mr Anthony Walker	Ca	Substantive (TPD – NW Deanery)	
Mr David Rose	Ca	Substantive (HOD)	Minimally Invasive Cardiac
Mr Mohamed Elsaegh	Ca	Substantive	
Ms Gillian Hardman	Ca	Substantive	
Mukesh Karuppannan	Ca	Locum	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- New locum cardiac surgeon
- 1 cardiac surgeon on sabbatical from Dec 2025 for 2 years

Plans for the year ahead

- Hoping to get the surgical robot this year

5. Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

Unit Representative: Mr Damian Balmforth

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Uday Trivedi	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Jonathan Hyde	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Michael Lewis	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Ishtiaq Ahmed	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Damian Balmforth	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Saif Mohamed	Cardiac	Locum	Mitral

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Change of consultant personnel
- Employment of a new lead SCP

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Three SCP's now trained in EVH. EVH established as routine standard of care

Plans for the year ahead

- Planned relocation of Cardiac ITU to new building.

6. Bristol Heart Institute

Unit Representative: Cha Rajakaruna

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Cha Rajakaruna	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, mini-AVR, MIDCAB, Convergent ablation
Franco Ciulli	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, Mitraclip, MIDCAB, Convergent ablation
Gianni Angelini	Cardiac	Substantive	Academic
Mark Yeatman	Cardiac	Substantive	Pericardial
Raimondo Ascione	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, academic
Eltayeb Mohamed Ahmed	Cardiac	Substantive	Complex aortic aortic
Hunaid Vohra	Cardiac	Substantive	CABG
Daniel Fudulu	Cardiac	Substantive	Multi arterial CABG, academic

Notable events over past 12 months

- New appointment academic senior lecturer Mr Fudulu
- ReferApatient platform for all P1b referrals
- Bristol planned and post cardiectomy ECMO/Impella – incorporated into shock pathway

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- 100 % EVH and endo radial – SCP led
- Endocarditis MDT regional

Plans for the year ahead

- Virtual ward for inpatients P1B
- Mini mitral and ART

7. Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

Unit Representative: Shafi Mussa

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Andrew Parry	Co	Substantive	Neonatal
Massimo Caputo	Co	Substantive	Academic
Serban Stoica	Co	Substantive	Ross procedure / VSRR / Academic
Shafi Mussa	Co	Substantive	Neonatal / ACHD aortic

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Massimo Caputo returned from sabbatical

Plans for the year ahead

- Moving to a five-person middle grade rota in early 2026

8. Bristol Royal Infirmary, Thoracic Surgery

Unit Representative: Doug West

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Eveline Internullo	Th	Substantive	
Rakesh Krishnadas	Th	Substantive	
Stelios Gaitanakis	Th	Substantive	
Doug West	Th	Substantive	
Igor Saftic	Th	Substantive	
Laura Socci	Th	Substantive	
Pavlos Papoulidis	Th	Locum	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointment of new substantive consultant (Stelios Gaitanakis)

Plans for the year ahead

- Second robot coming online
- Continued expansion of screening programme

9. Royal Papworth Hospital, Cambridge

Unit Representative: Shakil Farid

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
David Jenkins	Cardiac	Substantive	PTE
Narain Moorjani	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Marius Berman	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Ravi De Silva	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Stephen Large	Cardiac	Substantive	General
Choo Ng	Cardiac	Substantive	PTE
Fouad Taghavi	Cardiac	Substantive	PTE & Mitral
Shakil Farid	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Steven Tsui	Cardiac	Substantive	PTE
Frank Wells	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Jason Ali	Cardiac	Substantive	General
Aman Coonar	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Adam Peryt	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Guiseppe Aresu	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic & Transplant
Pradeep Kaul	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Hassiba Smail	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Muhammad Rafiq	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant and Mitral
Prashant Mohite	Cardiac	Locum	Transplant
Ahmed Osman	Thoracic	Locum	Thoracic
Vanessa Rogers	Thoracic	Locum	Thoracic

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Notable events over past 12 months

- The complex aortic team performed the highest number of arch replacements (>230) in UK using frozen elephant trunk.
- Transplant team has started the EVLP Ex Vivo Lung perfusion programme for lung transplantation.
- Introduction of green list where 3 pump cardiac cases have been performed in a list.
- The Pulmonary thromboendarterectomy team has performed over 3000 cases so far which is one of the biggest numbers in the world.

- RPH performs the 2nd highest number of mitral valve procedures in the country with one of the highest repair rates nationally and a 0% mitral valve repair mortality rate.
- The thoracic team organises the international training programmes in subxiphoid and uniportal approaches.
- The thoracic team have performed over 300 robotic cases using the Versius platform, making us the most experienced thoracic surgery unit worldwide with this technology.

NHSBT lung transplantation report showed that Papworth has:

- by far the highest lung transplant activity in the UK – in 2024/25 we performed 50% more lung transplants than any other centre.
- The smallest waiting list nationally (18 adults at year end, currently even lower)
- The shortest median waiting time for non-urgent patients (200 days, compared to a national median of 449 days and up to 700 days at some centres)
- The lowest decline rates for both DBD and DCD lungs

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Reduction in wound infection due to the routine use of endoscopic vein harvesting and a suction dressing.
- RPH has also started a cardiac surgery virtual ward programme, to compliment our enhanced recovery unit (ERU) and augmented cardiac surgery day of surgery admission (DOSA) programme, which has resulted in improved patient flow and reduced cardiac surgical waiting times.
- The cancer screening programme has now started in Peterborough and Cambridge. We are already treating patients identified through screening and anticipate a 50–60% increase in our thoracic activity over the next three years.

Plans for the year ahead

- Increase the number of joint thoracoabdominal cases working closely with the vascular surgeons.
- Reintroduce 3 pump lists.

10. University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire

Unit Representative: Thomas Barker

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Thomas Barker	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral valve
Uday Dandekar	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Jain Bhaskara-Pillai	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Sendhil Balasubramanian	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Massimiliano Codispoti	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Sion Jones	Cardiac	Substantive	
Antonio Martin-Ucar	Thoracic	Substantive	Single-port access VATS, robotic
Luis Hernandez	Thoracic	Substantive	Single-port access VATS, robotic
Maria Kolokotroni	Thoracic	Substantive	Trauma

Notable events over past 12 months

- Consolidation of thoracic robotic surgery

Plans for the year ahead

- Introduction of sutureless aortic valve

11a. Castle Hill Hospital, Hull (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Alex Cale

Deputy Representative: Dumbor Ngaage*

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Alex Cale	Cardiac	Substantive	Aorto-Vascular Surgery
Mahmoud Loubani	Cardiac	Substantive	Cardiac/Convergent AF Ablation
Martin Jarvis	Cardiac	Substantive	Aorto-Vascular Surgery
Dumbor Ngaage	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
David Zicho	Cardiac	Substantive	Aorto-Vascular/ Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
John Massey	Cardiac Surgeon	Substantive	Mitral/Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
Ben Omoregbee	Cardiac	Locum	Mitral/Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Locum appointment of Mr Benjamin Omoregbee as Consultant Cardiac Surgeon

Plans for the year ahead

- To commence the regional aortic dissection rota in Collaboration with Northern General Hospital, Sheffield
- Introduction of Consultant of the Week Model
- Establishing the Mitral Team and commence Minimal Access Mitral Surgery.

*Deceased March 2026

11b. Castle Hill Hospital, Hull (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Vasileios Tentzeris

Deputy Representative: Suhail Qadri

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Suhail Qadri	Thoracic	Substantive	Mesothelioma, surgery following neoadjuvant therapy, Major lung resections (Clinical Lead)
Vasileios Tentzeris	Thoracic	Substantive	Navigational Bronchoscopy Airway management Robotic Surgery LVRS and Endobronchial Valves LASER surgery (Clinical Governance Lead and CTS Junior Force Coordinator)
Michael Gooseman	Thoracic	Substantive	Trauma Robotic Surgery
Adnan Raza	Thoracic	Substantive	General Thoracic Surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Started a regional meeting for LUNG MDT group called Hull Thoracic Symposium

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Navigational Bronchoscopy protocols initiative

Plans for the year ahead

- Expansion of robotic surgery
- Robotic navigational Bronchoscopy
- 5th Consultant colleague in plans

12a. Leeds General Infirmary (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Betsy Evans

Deputy Representative: Sotiris Papaspyros

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Betsy Evans	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Pankaj Kaul	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Kalyana Kavangula	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Antonella Ferrara	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Sotiris Papaspyros	Cardiac	Substantive	Clinical Lead
Walid Elmahdy	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Yama Haqzad	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic

Notable events over past 12 months

- Growth of surgical practice with creation of seventh surgical consultant
- Registered site for PRIMARY trial
- Introduction of frozen elephant trunk procedures

Examples of best practice introduced over past 12 months

- Business case for saphenous venous harvest using endoscopic technique accepted
- Expansion of role of ward ANP role to run weekly wound review OPA clinic with plan to expand to facilitate outpatient review of follow up patients
- Aortic dissection clinic and international aortic surgery course, as well as aorto-vascular MDT

Plans for the year ahead

- Business case for saphenous venous harvest using endoscopic technique accepted

12b. Leeds General Infirmary (Congenital)

Unit Representative: Giuseppe Pelella

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Carin van Doorn (Retired 18 th January 2026)	Congenital	Substantive	
Giuseppe Pelella	Congenital	Substantive	
Imre Kassai	Congenital	Substantive	
Ali Al-Sarraf	Congenital	Locum	
Simran Kundan	Congenital	Locum	
Osama Jaber (returned to Leeds 26 th January 2026)	Congenital	Locum	

Notable events over past 12 months

- Osama Jaber left for Dubai. Recruitment for replacement difficult due to lack of senior congenital cardiac surgeons globally
- Ongoing lack of capacity in ICU continues to affect post COVID recovery

Examples of best practice introduced over past 12 months

- Ozaki procedure introduced with good early results
- Introduction of initial total interventional palliation for as a 'bridge to decision making' for borderline candidates

Plans for the year ahead

- Recover surgical capacity by introducing dedicated paediatric cardiac intensive care bed and expanding early recovery program
- Recruitment to substantive consultant posts

13. St James's University Hospital, Leeds (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Richard Milton

Deputy Representative: Joshil Lodhia

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Richard Milton	Thoracic	Substantive	Trauma, Robotic surgery, Training and education, metastectomy
Nilanjan Chaudhuri	Thoracic	Substantive	Surgery for emphysema, navigational bronchoscopy
Alex Brunelli	Thoracic	Substantive	Segmentectomies, PROMS
Peter Tcherveniakov	Thoracic	Substantive	Endobronchial treatment, surgery for emphysema, Training and education
Elaine Teh	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic surgery
Joshil Lodhia	Thoracic	Substantive	Innovation, digital pathways & databases, Governance
Kostas Papagiannoupolos	Thoracic	Substantive parttime	General Thoracic Surgery
Marco Nardini	Thoracic	Substantive	Minimally invasive surgery, mesothelioma

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointed Marco Nardini to a substantive appointment
- R Milton – become Director of EACTS Academy

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Introduction of robust pathway for neoadjuvant chemo/IO

14. Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Giovanni Mariscalco

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Giovanni Mariscalco	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Christopher Efthimiou	Cardiac	Substantive	
Mayooran Nithiananthan	Cardiac	Locum	Mitral
Gavin Murphy	Cardiac	Substantive Academic	
Shantanu Sinha	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Mustafa Zakkar	Cardiac	Substantive Academic	Aortic
Marius Patronis	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic

Notable events over past 12 months

- Regular endoscopic mitral surgery
- Regular mini approaches for complex aortic surgery (including emergencies)
- Application for mini-ERAS accreditation

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Re-establishment of FtF MDT in peripheral hospitals with local ward rounds
- ERAS Pathway and DOSA
- Expansion of the complex aortic team to three surgeons
- Theatre Team learning with Flashcard Training on Perioperative emergencies

Plans for the year ahead

- Endoscopic aortic surgery
- Thoraco-abdominal surgery
- Consolidation of ERAS/DOSA pathways

14b. Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Apostolos Nakas

Deputy Representative: Edward Caruana

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Apostolos Nakas	Thoracic	Substantive	Mesothelioma
Sridhar Rathinam	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS, LVRS, pectus
Edward Caruana	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS, diaphragm
Alan Dawson	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS, LVRS

Notable events over past 12 months

- Robotic Bronchoscopy guided resections
- High Risk anaesthesia MDT
- Training and Education after hours on Tuesday (TrEAT)

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Lung cancer screening in Staffordshire
- Contribution to the Midlands enhanced care network
- Theatre Team learning with Flashcard Training on Perioperative emergencies.

Plans for the year ahead

- Consolidating our ERAS Pathway and DOSA
- Robotic Thoracic Surgery
- Single stop Thoracic and Oncology clinics
- Lung cancer screening in Leicester and Northampton
- Mediastinum MDT
- Expansion to 5 surgeons

14c. Leicester Royal Infirmary, University Hospitals of Leicester (Congenital)

Unit Representative Ikenna Omeje

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Ikenna Omeje	Congenital	Substantive	
Imran Saeed	Congenital	Substantive	
Simone Speggiorin	Congenital	Substantive	

Notable events over past 12 months

- Streamlined adult congenital pathway with colleagues in Glenfield site

Plans for year ahead

- Increase engagement with the cardiothoracic training programme to increase opportunities for paediatric cardiac surgery

15. Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool

Unit Representative: Ramesh Kutty

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Ram Dhannapuneni	Congenital/ACHD	Substantive	
Tommaso Generali	Congenital/ACHD	Substantive	
Ramesh Kutty	Congenital/ACHD	Substantive	
Attilio Lotto	Congenital/ACHD	Substantive	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- ACHD service has grown into one of the largest in the UK
- Paediatric activity >400 cases for first time since pandemic
- Expansion of registrar/fellow posts to allow recruitment of a 5th middle grade
- Trainee perfusionist in post and progressing well.
- Paediatric Pectus service for country running successfully with regular operating/MDT and clinics
- Recruitment and appointment of Specialist Grade in Congenital Cardiac Surgery

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Cardiac arrest prevention on PICU

Plans for the year ahead

- Minimally invasive congenital cardiac operating (eg ASDs)
- Increased combined operating with Aortic team with aortic surgeon with adult congenital subspecialist interest

16a. Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital (Cardiac & Congenital)

Unit Representative: Haytham Sabry

Deputy Representative: Selvaraj Shanmuganathan

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Manoj Kuduvali	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Mark Field	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Andrew Muir	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/OPCAB/MAG/ HOCM/Cardio-oncology /Mini- AVR/ MICS OPCAB
Paul Modi	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/OPCAB/Mini-Mitral/MAG
Debbie Harrington	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Neeraj Mediratta	Cardiac	Substantive	General cardiac
Omar Nawaytou	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Gopal Soppa	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/MAG
Mohamed Zeinah	Cardiac	Substantive	General cardiac/OPCAB/Mini-AVR
Ahmed Othman	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Ayman Kenawy	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Bil Kirmani	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/OPCAB/MAG
Haytham Sabry	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/OPCAB/MAG
Duncan Steele	Cardiac	Substantive	General cardiac/MAG
Selvaraj Shanmuganathan	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/OPCAB/MAG/Mini- mitral/Mini-AVR
Jakub Marczak	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic
Amir Khosravi	Cardiac	Substantive	General cardiac

Notable events over past 12 months

- Mostafa Snosi appointed as Locum consultant cardiac surgeon.

Plans for the year ahead

- Minimally invasive OPCAB team

16b. Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Steven Woolley

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Julius Asante-Siaw	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Michael Shackcloth	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Steven Woolley	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Susannah Love	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Matthew Smith	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Mohamed Diab	Thoracic	Locum	Thoracic

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Change from Neoadjuvant to perioperative chemoimmunotherapy for all eligible patients
- Annemarie Brunswicker left the trust.
- Mohammed Diab appointed as Locum consultant Thoracic surgeon

17. Evelina London Children's Hospital

Unit Representative: Prof David Barron

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Conal Austin	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital, Adult
Prof David Barron	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Caroline Chenu	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Halkawt Nuri	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Andreas Hoschitzsky	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital

Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointment of Prof David Barron
- Amalgamated programme with Royal Brompton

Plans for next 12 months

- May 2026 all the paediatric work will be done at Evelina, and most of the ACHD at Brompton

18. Great Ormond Street Hospital, London

Unit Representative: Martin Kostolny

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Martin Kostolny	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Victor Tsang	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Nagarajan Muthialu	Congenital & Cardiothoracic	Substantive	Congenital, thoracic and tracheal
Branko Mimic	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Mats Synnergren	Congenital	Locum congenital	congenital
Anusha Jeegatheeswaran	Congenital	Honorary contract	

19. Guy's Hospital, London

Unit Representative: **Juliet King (until end 2025)**
 Carol Tan (from 1 Jan 2026)

Consultant Thoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Leanne Ashrafian	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, academic, navigational bronchoscopy.
Andrea Bille	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, advanced thymoma, mesothelioma, academic.
Karen Harrison-Phipps	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, surgical training, clinical management
Juliet King	Thoracic	Substantive, less than full-time.	Clinical governance and mortality lead. Trust surgical safety lead.
Lawrence Okiror	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, LVRS/airways, dept audit lead
John Pilling	Thoracic	Substantive	Dept clinical lead, RATS, training and education.
Tom Routledge	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, surgical training.
Carol Tan	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, dept training and education lead.
Stephanie Fraser	Thoracic	Associate specialist	Patient and public engagement, rapid diagnostics (navigational bronchoscopy) and technology translation, Prehab.

Notable events over past 12 months

- Expansion of robotic surgery (7 out of 8 consultants now robotic-trained)
- Expansion of navigational bronchoscopy services (average 70 cases / month), Ion system now in place.
- Increasing lung cancer workload due to local screening programs.

20. Hammersmith Hospital, London

Unit Representatives: Roberto Casula (Cardiac)
 Jayanta Nandi (Thoracic)
 Marco Scarci (Thoracic)

Deputy Representative: Diana Moreira (ANP Lead)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Roberto Casula	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Prakash Punjabi	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Andrew Chukwuemeka	Cardiac	Substantive	Coronary
Alessandro Viviano	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Eimad al-jaaly	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Thanos Athanasiou	Cardiac	Substantive	Coronary
Jayanta Nandi	Thoracic	Substantive	
May Al-Sahaf	Thoracic	Substantive	
Thomas Tsitsias	Thoracic	Substantive	
Marco Scarci	Thoracic	Substantive	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Two colleagues appointed as substantive cardiac consultants

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Aortic dissection program, part of London aortic rota

Plans for the year ahead

- Robotic Surgery

21. Harefield Hospital, London

Unit Representative: Sunil K Bhudia

Deputy Representative: Nizar Asadi

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Jullien Gaer	Ca	Substantive	Aortic
Fabio De Robertis	Ca	Substantive	ICM, Mitral
Shahzad Raja	Ca	Substantive	Complex Revasc
Toufan Bahrami	Ca	Substantive	Mitral
Sunil Bhudia	Ca	Substantive	Mitra, Aortic
Espeed Khoshbin	Ca, Transplant	Substantive	Transplant
Maria Monteagudo-Vela	Ca, Transplant	Substantive	Transplant
Mohamed Osman	Ca, Transplant	Substantive	Transplant
Aravinda Page	Ca, Transplant	Substantive	Transplant
Emma Beddow	Th	Substantive	Thoracic
Vladimir Anikin	Th	Substantive	Thoracic
Jonathan Finch	Th	Substantive	Thoracic
Nizar Asadi	Th	Substantive	Thoracic
Diana Garcia Saez	Transplant	Specialty Doctor	Transplant
Bartlomeij Zych	Transplant	Specialty Doctor	Transplant

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Introducing the robotic programme in thoracic surgery
- Ex-Vivo programme

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Multidisciplinary approach to patient assessment
- Developing the non-medical teams

Plans for the year ahead

- Expansion of the robotic programme in the department

22. King's College Hospital, London

Unit Representative **Alia Noorani (Cardiac)**
Deputy Representative **Donald Whitaker (Thoracic)**

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Max Baghai	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, Mitral, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Ranjit Deshpande	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, Mitral, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Lindsay John	Cardiac	Substantive	Clinical Governance
Habib Khan	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, Mitral, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Ashok Narayana	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic, Minimally Invasive Surgery
Alia Noorani	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Donald Whitaker	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	VATS, Trauma

Notable events over past 12 months

- FET for AAD and RAT for AVR

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- FET for AAD and RAT for AVR

Plans for the year ahead

- Appoint substantive consultant
- Develop MICS program further

23a. Royal Brompton Hospital, London (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: George Asimakopoulos

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Tony de Souza	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral surgery/ EndoCAB
Ulrich Rosendahl	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic surgery/ Mitral surgery
Richard Trimlett	Cardiac	Substantive	EndosCAB, HDU
George Asimakopoulos	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic surgery
Rashmi Yadav	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral surgery
Cesare Quarto	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic surgery
Mario Petrou	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic surgery
Pouya Yussefi	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Continuing trans-catheter mitral valve programme, including Tendyne, NeoChords and Valve in Valve implants.
- Expansion of minimally invasive mitral surgery
- Expansion of the Ross operation programme
- Expansion of day of surgery admission for cardiac surgery
- Day of discharge photos for patients helped reduce surgical site infection.
- Introduction of 'watch' discharge and early readmission for surgery

Plans for the year ahead.

Introduction of robotic mitral surgery

23b. Royal Brompton Hospital, London (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Silviu Buderu

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Simon Jordan	Thoracic	Substantive	Sarcoma, paediatric
Eric Lim	Thoracic	Substantive	Research
Sofina Begum	Thoracic	Substantive	Sarcoma, paediatric
Silviu Buderu	Thoracic	Substantive	Germ cell tumour, paediatric

Notable events over past 12 months

- Navigation robotic bronchoscopy
- EPIC – patient electronic system

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- 2 consultant surgery for complex cases
- Junior doctors' regular thoracic courses

Plans for the year ahead

- Robotic thoracic surgery
- New consultant thoracic surgeon recruitment
- Lung sarcoma referral centre

23c. Royal Brompton Hospital, London (Congenital)

Unit Representative: Andreas Hoschtitzky

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
David Barron	Congenital	Substantive	
Conal Austin	Congenital	Substantive	
Andreas Hoschtitzky	Congenital	Substantive	ACHD
Caroline Chenu	Congenital	Substantive	
Halkwat Nuri	Congenital		

Notable events over past 12 months

- Introduction of a dedicated monthly single ventricle pathway MDT focused on patients on the Norwood pathway
- Introduction of a joint end-stage heart failure & transplant MDT for ACHD patients with the transplant unit at Harefield
- Introduction of supported Ross procedures with PEARS graft

Plans for the year ahead

- Closer collaboration with Evelina Children's Hospital & St Thomas' Hospital

24. St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

Unit Representative: Henrietta Wilson (Thoracic)
John Yap (Cardiac)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum Substantive	/ Subspecialty Interest
Tim Batchelor	Thoracic Surgery	Substantive	ERAS LVRS
Kelvin Lau	Thoracic Surgery	Substantive	Robotic bronchoscopy, LVRS
Sasha Stamenkovic	Thoracic Surgery	Substantive	Robotic
Federica Femia	Thoracic Surgery	Locum	
Henrietta Wilson	Thoracic Surgery	Substantive	Robotic, Nuss, Robotic bronchoscopy
Kulvinder Lall	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic
John Yap	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic AF Valves
Neil Roberts	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Coronary Valves
Rakesh Uppal	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic and Valves
Carmelo DiSalvo	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic, Redo, Valves
Aung Oo	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic
Kit Wong	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Valves Coronaries Mitral
Shyam Kolvekar	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Nuss, mitral, valves
Ana Lopez	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic,
Martin Yates	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Myectomy, AF

Alex Shipolini	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Myectomy, AF, Valves
Ben Adams	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic
Wael Awad	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Valves
David Lawrence	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	
Joy Edlin	Cardiac Surgery	Locum	Mitral MIMS
Shrish Ambekar	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Endocarditis
Amir Sheikh	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	
Dincer Aktuerk	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Minimally Invasive surgery
Tara Mastracci	Vascular/Endovascular	Substantive	Endovascular
Branko Mimic	GUCH	Substantive	
Victor Tsang	GUCH	Substantive	

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Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- ERACS
- Watch Pathway

25. St George's Hospital, London

Unit Representative: Justin Nowell

Deputy Representative: Aziz Momin

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Venkatachalam Chandrasekaran	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Mazin Sarsam	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Marjan Jahangiri	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Robin Kanagasabay	Cardiac	Substantive	
Justin Nowell	Cardiac	Substantive	
Aziz Momin	Cardiac	Substantive	
Paul Govewalla	Cardiac	Locum	
Azhar Hussain	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral

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Notable events over past 12 months

- We appointed a new substantive cardiac surgeon who started in April

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

Plans for the year ahead

- We plan to convert the remaining locum post into a substantive position

26. St Thomas' Hospital, London

Unit Representative: Michael Sabetai
Deputy Representative: Vassilios Avlonitis

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Vassilios Avlonitis	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/MICS
Gianluca Luchesse	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/MICS
Paolo Bosco	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/MICS
Raj Bilkhu	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral/MICS
Michael Sabetai	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Kamran Baig	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Mike Ghosh	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Yasir Iqbal	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic

27. University College London Hospitals

Unit Representative: Davide Patrini

Deputy Representative: Kunal Bhakhri

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Davide Patrini	Th	Sub	Minimally invasive
Mario de Luca	Th	Loc	Minimally invasive
David Lawrence	CT	Sub	Lung cancer surgery
Kunal Bhakhri	Th	Sub	Robotic
Alessandro Maraschi	Th	Sub	Lung cancer

Notable events over past 12 months

- Back to 5 consultants: 4 sub 1 locum
- Develop robotic program even more

Plans for the year ahead

- Increasing robotic activity
- Robotic ENB

28a. Wythenshawe hospital, Manchester (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Eddie McLaughlin

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Ragheb Hasan	Cardiac	Substantive	Off pump / tavi / mitral
Abdel Abdelbar	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral / minimitral
Giulio Citarella	Cardiac	Locum	
Paul Waterworth	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Eddie McLaughlin	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Stuart Grant	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Swetha Iyer	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Haris Bilal	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Amir Sepehripour	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Isaac Kadir	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Vipin Mehta	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Vasudev Pai	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Nnamdi Nwaejike	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Sean Bello	Cardiac	Locum	Transplant
Nadeem Khawaja	Cardiac	Locum	Transplant
Haitham Abunasra	Cardiac	Substantive	Clinical Governance

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Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Introduction of Consultant of the week
- Introduction of Frozen Elephant Trunk TAR
- Introduction of mini – mitral surgery

- Introduction of valve sparing aortic root replacement
- Introduction of Enhanced Recovery after Cardiac Surgery
- Introduction of Day of Surgery Admission

Plans for the year ahead

- Further develop mini mitral and aortic surgery
- Further development of transplant service
- Further development of DOSA

28b. Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Eustace Fontaine
Kandadai Rammohan

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Kandadai Rammohan	Thoracic	Substantive	Airway intervention Mediastinum, Robotic, Outcomes
Eustace Fontaine	Thoracic	Substantive	Chest wall, Robotics
Felice Granato	Thoracic	Substantive	Thymoma, Uniportal surgery, Robotics
Vijay Joshi	Thoracic	Substantive	LVRS, Chestwall
Annabel Sharkey	Thoracic	Substantive	Mesothelioma, Trauma, Uniportal surgery, Robotics
Somshekar Ganti	Thoracic	Substantive	Uniportal surgery
James Barr	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics, Lung transplant
Alex Mani	Thoracic	Substantive	Airway, Uniportal surgery
Sara Tenconi	Thoracic	Substantive	Pleural disease, LVRS, Uniportal surgery, Robotics.

29. James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough

Unit Representative: Ian Paul (Thoracic)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Ian Paul	Th	Substantive	Minimally invasive/robotic
Joel Dunning	Th	Substantive	Minimally invasive/robotic
Jonathan Ferguson	Th	Substantive	
Ben Waterhouse	Th	Substantive	Minimally invasive/robotic
Annemarie Brunswicker	Th	Substantive (Aug 2025)	Minimally invasive lung cancer surgery
Enoch Akowuah	Ca	Substantive	Minimally invasive mitral surgery
Andrew Goodwin	Ca	Substantive	Minimally invasive aortic valve surgery
Andrew Owens	Ca	Substantive	Aortic surgery
Ralph White	Ca	Substantive	Arterial Revasc
Mazyar Kanani	Ca	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Luke Rogers	Ca	Substantive (Aug 2025)	Mitral Surgery/Robotic cardiac surgery
Danai Karamanou	Ca	Substantive	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Opening of Academic Cardiovascular Research Unit
- Northern Pectus Centre

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Navigational bronchoscopy service
- Cryoanalgesia for robotic lobectomy

Plans for the year ahead

- RESTORE Trial (Pectus Surgery)
- CRYPTIC Trial (RCT assessing cryoanalgesia for lung cancer resection)

30. Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
BC Ramesh	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, transplant
Asif Shah	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, transplant, mechanical support
Karen Booth	Cardiac	Substantive	
Simon Ledingham	Cardiac	Substantive	
Izanee Mydin	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Faruk Oezalp	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant, arrhythmia
Stephen Clark	Cardiac	Substantive	Arrhythmia, carcinoid heart disease
Vamsi Dronavalli	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, transplant
Dharmendra Agrawal	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics,
Sion Barnard	Thoracic	Substantive (retired & return)	Chest wall, sarcoma
Vincenzo Pagliarulo	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Bob Slight	Thoracic	Substantive	Pectus
Joe Thekkudan	Thoracic	Substantive	Sarcoma
Keng Ang	Thoracic	Substantive	LVRs
Anders Andreasson	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Mohammed Nassar	Congenital	Substantive	Transplantation, mechanical assist, PEARS
Louise Kenny	Congenital	Substantive	Transplantation, mechanical assist

31. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

Unit Representative: Waldemar Bartosik

Deputy Representative: Jakub Kadlec

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Waldemar Bartosik	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, Lung cancer, Mediastinum, Chest wall
Jakub Kadlec	Thoracic	Substantive	Lung cancer, Pectus, Chest trauma
Vasileios Kouritas	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, Emphysema
Cristina Viola	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS, lung cancer, emphysema
Bartlomiej Szafron	Thoracic	Locum	Lung cancer, VATS

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Notable events over past 12 months

- New referral pathway for emphysema in East Anglia

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- EBV LVRS

Plans for the year ahead

- 5 substantive Consultant
- 5 Fellows/SPR
- Expansion of RATS with 2 new robots planned at NNUH

32a. Nottingham University Hospital (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Anas Boulemden

Deputy Representative: Sara Pereira

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Jacob Chacko	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, off-pump, MIMS
Umar Hamid	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, RAT-AVR, AF surgery, MIMS
Niki Nicou	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, mini-AVR
Adam Szafraneck	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, redo surgery, Mitral, Pericardiectomy
Anas Boulemden	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, MIMS, AF surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Introduction of mini mitral program with excellent early outcomes
- Aortic nurse led surveillance clinic

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- IE team weekly MDT
- Introduction of aortic nurse led surveillance clinic

Plans for the year ahead

- Expansion of mini mitral and aortic programmes
- Introduction of Mini-ART, mid-CAB
- ERAS

32b. Nottingham City Hospital (Thoracic Surgery)

Unit Representative: Mohammad Hawari

Deputy Representative: Nathan Burnside

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Emmanuel Addae-Boateng	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic
Mohammad Hawari	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, tracheal, LVRS, Robotic navigation
Nathan Burnside	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, LVRS, sarcoma, Robotic navigation
Mehmood Jadoon	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, LVRS
Oliver Pumphrey	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic
Abdelrahman Elsayed	Thoracic	Locum	Robotic, sarcoma

Notable events over past 12 months

- Establishment of an advanced robotic programme with 6 fully trained surgeons with daily access to Da Vinci system, sitting within one of the two thoracic theatres.
- Introduction of Ion Robotic Navigational Bronchoscopy with Cios Spin imaging. The service will be delivered by 2 thoracic surgeons and 2 interventional respiratory physicians.

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Ability to do daily robotic thoracic operations.
- Addition of 1 extra theatre day per week.
- Ion robotic navigational bronchoscopy.
- Nurse led follow-up clinics.

Plans for the year ahead

- Appointment of 6th substantive consultant.
- Robotic fellowship.
- Expansion of lung cancer screening.

33. John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Unit Representative: Mr George Krasopoulos (Cardiac),
Mr Dionisios Stavroulias (Thoracic)

Deputy Representatives: Miss Rhona Taberham (Thoracic)
Ms Anchal Jain (TAD)
Mrs Jenny Mitchell (NAHP)
Mr Ali Ansaripour (NTN)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Rana Sayeed	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, minimally invasive mitral
Prof George Krasopoulos	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, OPCABG, Arterial grafts, Hybrid AF ablation, Pericardial disease, rapid deployment valves
Vivek Srivastava	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, minimally invasive mitral
Antonios Kourliouros	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic, mechanical circulatory support
Nicholas Walcot	Cardiac	Substantive	Adult cardiac surgery
Priya Sastry	Cardiac	Substantive	Adult cardiac surgery, surgical education
Sarvananthan Sajiram	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic surgery
Dionisios Stavroulias	Thoracic	Substantive	Thymic surgery Pectus deformities
Elizabeth Belcher	Thoracic	Substantive	Endobronchial interventions
Francesco Di Chiara	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracoscopic 1 st rib resection

			Diaphragmatic surgery Thoracic endometriosis
Rhona Taberham	Thoracic	Locum	Chest wall

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointment of one locum consultant cardiac surgeon
- Expansion of thoracic department with the appointment of 4th consultant (locum)

Plans for the year ahead

- Robotic surgery programme
- Substantive cardiac and thoracic appointment

34. Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

Unit Representative: Adrian Marchbank (Thoracic)

Clinton Lloyd (Cardiac)

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Adrian Marchbank	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	RATS/Airway/Chest wall
Yousaf Awan	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS
Osama Elzain	Thoracic	Substantive	RATS
Francesco Sellitri	Thoracic	Substantive	Trauma
Priyadharshanan Ariyaratnam	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS/Pectus/ENB
James Kuo	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Malcolm Dalrymple-Hay	Cardiac	Substantive	TAVI
Clinton Lloyd	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, TAVI
Bao Nguyen	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Aladdin Bashir	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic
Vijay Muppiri	Cardiac	Locum	Aortic

Notable events over past 12 months

- Consolidated RATS
- Commenced ENB
- Development of TAVI and TMVR/TEER programme led by surgeons

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Introduced Regional Pectus Surgery Service for Devon and Cornwall Patients in response to NHS Re-Commissioning of Pectus Surgery on the NHS for severe cases with cardiorespiratory compromise.
- Introduction of minimal access mitral TEER programme.

Plans for the year ahead

- Increase RATS provision

- Business plan LVRS
- Business plan activity increase with TLHC
- Working towards dedicated aortic on-call team

35a. Northern General Hospital, Sheffield (Cardiac)

Unit Representative: Renata Greco
Deputy Representative: Norman Briffa

Consultant Cardiac Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Stefano Forlani	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Peter Braidley	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Norman Briffa	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Neil Cartwright	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Govind Chetty	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Renata Greco	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Steve Hunter	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Syed Saddique	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic Surgery

35b. Northern General Hospital, Sheffield (Thoracic)

Unit Representative: Luigi Ventura (Thoracic)

Consultant Thoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Jagan Rao	Thoracic	Substantive	UVATS, Airway, LVR, Mediastinal disease, training and education lead
John Edwards	Thoracic	Substantive	UVAST, Airway, Chest Wall, Trauma, research, clinical lead
Ashok Kar	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS, RATS, Navigational Bronchoscopy, LVR, Neuroendocrine tumours
Luigi Ventura	Thoracic	Substantive	VATS, RATS, LVR, Mediastinal disease, Navigational Bronchoscopy, Thoracic Audit Lead, research
Ahmed Saad	Thoracic	Locum	UVATS, Navigational Bronchoscopy

Notable events over the past 12 months

- Da Vinci Xi Robot purchased by NGH with the aim of starting a Thoracic Surgery Robotic programme
- Dedicated Thoracic Surgery ward
- Expansion of the Lung Cancer Screening Programme in Sheffield and across the Region

Examples of practice introduced over the past 12 months

- Expansion of the Lung Cancer Screening Programme in Sheffield and across the Region
- Multimodal treatment with IO in patients with locally advanced lung cancer

Plans for the year ahead

- To start a Thoracic Surgery Robotic programme
- To implement the Lung Volume Reduction surgical activity
- To implement the Navigational Bronchoscopy activity
- To implement a dedicated Thoracic Surgery audit activity
- To introduce a dedicated Lung Cancer Nurse specialist for surgical patients and CNS-led follow-up after lung cancer
- To introduce a dedicated Thoracic Surgery Fellow
- Optimisation trauma pathway

36. University Hospital Southampton

Unit Representative: Lukacs Veres

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Aiman Alzetani	Thoracic	Substantive	LVRS, Navigational Bronchoscopy
Martin Chamberlain	Thoracic	Substantive	Lung cancer, VATS
Alessandro Tamburrini	Thoracic	Substantive	Trauma, LVRS
Lukacs Veres	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, Pectus
Edwin Woo	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, Paediatric
Oliver Harrison	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, Oncology
Mohammad Diab	Thoracic	Locum cons till Oct 2025	VATS, LVRS, Airway
Sunil Ohri	Cardiac	Substantive	
Geoff Tsang	Cardiac	Substantive	Major aortic
Amit Modi	Cardiac	Substantive	Major aortic
Sanjay Asopa	Cardiac	Substantive	
Dimitrios Pousios	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Suvitesh Luthra	Cardiac	Substantive	
Szabolcs Miskolczi	Cardiac	Substantive	
Clifford Barlow	Cardiac	Substantive	
Theodore Velissaris	Cardiac	Substantive	
Simon Duggan	Cardiac	Substantive	

Nicola Viola	Congenital	Substantive	Neonatal surgery, complex reconstructive surgery and Norwood procedure
Giedrius Baliulis	Congenital	Substantive	ACHD. aortic root and valve
Barnabe Rocha	Congenital	Locum	Neonatal
Antonio Ravaglioli	Congenital	Substantive	Neonatal. LVOT, aortic valve and root

Notable events over past 12 months

- Consultant of the week model started Jan 2024 and works well to support cepod theatres, trauma morning meetings, ward.

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Unable to get funding and support for the introduction of ION to improve our well-established navigation bronchoscopy programme
- Successful neoadjuvant treatment introduction in the region with good surgical outcomes

Plans for the year ahead

- Financial difficulties at the Trust and the main aim only to maintain our service and unlikely we can achieve any improvement

37. Royal Stoke University Hospital

Unit Representative: Shilajit Ghosh

Deputy Representative: Udo Abah

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Udo Abah	Thoracic	Substantive	
Shilajit Ghosh	Thoracic	Substantive	Airway, chest wall
Kajan Mahendran	Thoracic	Substantive	
Lakshmi Srinivasan	Thoracic	Substantive	Uniportal
Lognathen Balacumaraswami	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral / Aortic
Qamar Abid	Cardiac	Substantive	
Prakash Nanjaiah	Cardiac	Career Break (1 Year)	Mitral
Richard Warwick	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Pankaj Mishra	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic

Notable events over past 12 months

- None

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Hyperinflation Treatments
- Minimal Access Cardiac Surgery
- Robotic Thoracic Surgery

Plans for the year ahead

- Ion Bronchoscopy

38. New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton

Unit Representative: Stephen Billing

Deputy Representative: Patrick Yiu

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Mahmoud Abdelaziz	Cardiac	Substantive	Mini aortic, aortic surgery, mitral
Stephen Billing	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, complex tricuspid, AF surgery
Ahmed Habib	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic, laser, volume reduction
Maciej Matuszewski	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic repair, aortic surgery
Nicholas Nikolaidis	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral, MICS
Ahmed Oliemy	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic
Giuseppe Rescigno	Cardiac	Substantive	Mini AVR, multi-arterial CABG
Ismail Vokshi	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Patrick Yiu	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	Robotic, aortic repair, aortic surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Aortic surgeon recruited (IV)
- Increase in weekly activity

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Aortic arch surgery / FET

Ireland

39. Cork University Hospital

Unit Representative: Kishore Doddakula

Deputy Representative: Tara Ni Dhonnchu

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Kishore Doddakula	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	Minimally invasive surgery
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John Hinchion	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	None
Nadeem Anjum	Cardiothoracic	Locum	Minimally invasive surgery
Amr Rushwan	Thoracic	Locum	Minimally invasive surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Training in Medtronic truck hosted on grounds of the hospital
- Edwards wet lab for sutureless valves
- CALS course

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Lung cancer ANP from NCCP

Plans for the year ahead

- Introduce MIS Mitral Repair/Replacement
- Endoscopic vein harvest
- New Substantive Thoracic Consultant Starting April 2025
- Explore Robotic Thoracic Surgery

40. Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin

Unit Representative: Hossein Javadpour (Cardiac)
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Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

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Prof. Eaton, Donna	Th	Substantive	Transplant/Airways/Robotic
Mr. Davies, Ben	CT	Substantive	Transplant/Adult Congenital
Prof. Healy, David	CT	Substantive	Transplant/Robotic
Mr. Javadpour, Hossein	Ca	Substantive	Transplant
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Prof. McCarthy, James	Ca	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Mr. McGuinness, Jonathan	Co	substantive	Transplant/VADs/Adult Congenital
Mr. John Hogan	Th	Locum	Trauma
Prof. Redmond, Karen	Th	substantive	Transplant/Airways/Robotic
Prof. Redmond, Mark	Ca/Co	Substantive	Aortic/Adult Congenital

Mr. Waris Ahmed	Ca	Locum (Intermittent)	Cardiac
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Cardiac Surgery Department

Notable events over past 12 months NA

- Review of transplant process due to decreased number of heart and lung transplantation post covid pandemic.
- Improved efficiency in theatre start time.

Plans for the year ahead

- Separate Dissection Rota (pending consultant appointment).
- DCD heart program (pending consultant appointment and funding).

Thoracic Surgery Department:

Notable events over past 12 months

- National Trauma Unit established
- Advanced Cancer MDT established
- Inaugural “ED Thoracotomy/Clamshell course” culled/heparinized pigs in association with RCSI
- Initiation of “Lungs for Life” ward based thoracic surgery charity.

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- 3D mapping for robotic / VATS segmentectomy
- Parks system for pectus.

Plans for the year ahead

- Expand access to patients with lung cancer suitable for neoadjuvant chemoIO
- Increase segmentectomy rate
- Establish LVR registry aligned to national service
- Implementation of recommendations outlined in internal review of transplantation service
- Day-time lung transplantation
- Website for education and charitable donations
- Hosting a second ‘Initiatives in COPD’ Meeting in Dublin to improve cross speciality engagement and a collaborative approach to the management of patients undergoing Lung Volume Reduction
- Streamlining LVR work up processes to reduce waiting list time.

41. St James's Hospital, Dublin

Unit Representative: Gerard Fitzmaurice

Deputy Representative: Saleem Jahangeer

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

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Gerard Fitzmaurice	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic Surgical Oncology
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Ronan Ryan	Thoracic	Substantive	Thoracic Surgical Oncology
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Vincent Young	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	
Michael Tolan	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	
Rashid Aziz	Cardiac	Locum	

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Notable events over past 12 months

- St. James's Hospital as part of the Trinity St. James's Cancer Institute were awarded Accreditation as the first Irish centre to become an Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- Internationally recognised Thoracic Oncology specialist and returning St. James's Alumni Professor Patrick Forde joined our team as the new Prendergast Chair and Professor of Immuno-Oncology at Trinity College Dublin & Trinity St James Cancer Institute
- First Irish Surgical Centre contributing to the IASLC Staging & Prognostic Factors Group for the 10th Edition of the TNM Staging project
- Surgical site for Irish Pilot Beaumont RCSI Irish Cancer Society Lung Health Check Study
- Continued expansion of our Robotic thoracic surgical program using the da Vinci Xi system with now >80% of all thoracic surgical oncology undertaken via a minimally invasive approach
- Replacement of all Cardiopulmonary Bypass machines
- Ongoing expansion of our Complex Aortic Surgery Program

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Endoscopic vein harvesting (EVH) has been reintroduced
- More complex Robotic surgery with first RATS lobectomy with chest wall resection

Plans for the year ahead

- Appointment of new Thoracic and Cardiac surgeons
- Develop additional theatre capacity
- Increase clinical trial enrolment

42. University Hospital Galway

Unit Representative: Alan Soo

Deputy Representative: Ronan Kelly

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Ca / Th / CT / Co	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Prof. Alan Soo	CT	Substantive	VATS, Mitral repair Multiarterial coronary artery surgery
Mr. Ronan Kelly	CT	Substantive	Minimally invasive thoracic surgery, rib fixation for trauma. Multiarterial coronary artery surgery
Mr. Fabio Bartolozzi	CT	Substantive	Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery
Prof. Mattia Glauber	Ca	Locum	Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery
Mr. Antonio Miceli	Ca	Locum	Minimally Invasive Valve Surgery

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Irish Cardiovascular Nurses Association-Category Winner 2025-Acute Team-Cardiothoracic Ward Nursing Team
- Irish Thoracic Society Annual Scientific Meeting 2025- Best Oral Case Presentation Award- Dr. Tara Byrne-The Diagnostic Odyssey: A Case of Severe Multi-System Complications in a Woman with Unicentric Castleman's Disease
- Innovation in Service Delivery Category Winner-2024 Health Service Excellence Awards
- Trainee perfusionist recruited and in post
- Aortic Valve Study Day-Wet Lab
- Chest Drain Study Day
- CALS Training
- First hospital in Ireland and the UK to implant the Avalus Ultra biological aortic valve

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Introduction of Rib Fracture Pathway: collaborative multidisciplinary development of pathway with Anaesthesia, Critical Care, Acute Pain Service, Emergency Medicine and Physiotherapy.
- Quality Improvement Project: Standardisation of protocol of warfarin initiation post mechanical valve replacement and standardisation of dose titration to improve compliance with hospital guidelines

Plans for the year ahead

- Expansion of research programme
- Patient satisfaction survey on Pre- and Post-operative information
- Participation in Prevention of AF post cardiac surgery - national QI project

Northern Ireland

43. Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast

Unit Representative: Pushpinder Sidhu

Deputy Representative: Niall McGonigle

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Alsir Ahmed	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Chris Austin	Cardiac	Substantive	Adult Congenital
Gwyn Beattie	Cardiac	Substantive	Off pump CABG
Alastair Graham	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Reuben Jeganathan	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Mark Jones	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Katie O'Sullivan	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Pushpinder Sidhu	Cardiac	Substantive	Coronary
Gareth Hooks	Cardiac	Substantive	Off – pump/arterial grafting
Ralitsa Baranowski	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotic
Rory Beattie	Thoracic	Substantive	
Niall McGonigle	Thoracic	Substantive	
Haralobos Parissis	Thoracic	Locum	

Notable events over past 12 months

- AVR via ART introduced with 2 surgeons undergoing proctoring
- Mini access surgery for AVR and Aortic root replacement program underway
- Aorto-vascular surgery program expanding collaboratively with vascular surgery
- Introduction of Branched Stented Anastomosis Frozen Elephant Trunk Repair for complex aortic repair
- Niall McGonigle appointed RCS England Director for NI
- Start of Thoracic Surgery Robotic program
- Implementation of endobronchial lung volume reduction program
- Mr Beattie appointed as a Deputy Chair SCTS Thoracic Committee
- Increased number of complex segmentectomy cases and use of 3D reconstruction software
- Park procedure for pectus repair performed

- Niall McGonigle appointed as Clinical Director for Neurosurgery/Vascular and Thoracic Surgery

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

Plans for the year ahead

- Introduce sub-specialty care teams and patient pathways
- Introduce surgeon of the week
- RVH Robotic program (new Xi system), commissioning of emphysema service

Scotland

44. Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

Unit Representative: Hussein El-Shafei (Cardiac)
Mohammed Khalil (Thoracic)
Deputy Representative: Keith Buchan

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

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Hussein El-Shafei	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	Cardiac
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Mohamed Khalil	Cardiothoracic	Substantive	Thoracic
Sudeep Das De	Cardiothoracic	Locum	Cardiac

Notable events over past 12 months

- Reopening of second theatre
- Appoint of 2 cardiac anaesthetists
- More EPR

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Endoscopic vein harvesting (EVH)

Plans for the year ahead

- Mini mitral refreshing
- Mini aortic introduction
- Increase ICU capacity
- Appointment of PAs

45. Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Unit Representative: Vipin Zamvar

Deputy Representative: Daisy Sandeman

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

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Kelvin Lim	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Mitral Surgery
Haris Koutsogiannidis	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Trauma
Vicenzo Giordano	Cardiac Surgery	Substantive	Aortic Surgery
Malcolm Will	Thoracic Surgery	Substantive	Robotic, Chest Wall/Sarcoma/Pectus

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Notable events over past 12 months

- Fully established Robotic Thoracic Surgical Programme with two fully trained surgeons.

Plans for the year ahead

- Endoscopic Vascular harvesting set up to be established in the next 12 months

46. Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Glasgow

Unit Representative **Hari Doshi**
Mathew Thomas

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

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Andrew Mclean	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Ed Peng	Congenital	Substantive	Congenital
Suku Nair	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Phil Curry	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Hari Doshi	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Simon Messer	Cardiac	Substantive	Transplant
Fraser Sunderland	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Zahid Mahmood	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Kasra Shaikhrezai	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Rashmi Birla	Cardiac	Substantive	Aortic
Alan Kirk	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Mohammed Asif	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Mathew Thomas	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Rocco Bilancia	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Jennifer Whitely	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Nikos Kostoulas	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics
Douglas Miller	Thoracic	Substantive	Robotics

Notable events over past 12 months

- Training - George Gradinariu completed training – takes up aortic fellowship in Liverpool
- New NTN appointment at ST1 commences August 2024

Examples of practice introduced over past 12 months

- Aortic programme development
- Protocols for 2-surgeon operating
- 2nd year of thoracic robotic fellowship; last year's fellow had performed nearly 60 independent index robotic operations including 54 anatomical lung resections.

Plans for the year ahead

- Review of teaching curriculum

Wales

47. University Hospital Cardiff

Data as of 2024

Unit Representative: Malgorzata Kornaszewska

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
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Ulrich Von Oppell	Cardiac	Substantive	Mitral
Dheeraj Mehta	Cardiac	Substantive	Off-pump
Mesbah Rahman	Cardiac	Substantive	
Michail Koutentakis	Cardiac	Substantive	
Malgorzata Kornaszewska	Thoracic	Substantive	Pectus Surgery and LVRS
Ainis Pirtnieks	Thoracic	Substantive	Sublobar resection
Vasileios Valtzoglou	Thoracic	Substantive	Empyema
Tom Combella	Thoracic	Substantive	Sublobar resection, robotic, chest wall surgery

Notable events over past 12 months

- Expansion of rib fixation service through delivery of MTC

Plans for the year ahead

- Expansion of rib fixation service through delivery of MTC
- Submission of business case for Robotic thoracic surgery
- Pilot of regional Lung cancer screening
- Contributing centres to CONVERT and ORIF national rib fixation RCT

48. Morriston Hospital, Swansea

Unit Representative: Afzal Zaidi

Deputy Representative: Ira Goldsmith

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Name	Specialty	Locum / Substantive	Subspecialty Interest
Saeed Ashraf	Cardiac	Substantive	
Aprim Youhana	Cardiac	Substantive	
Afzal Zaidi	Cardiac	Substantive	
Pankaj Kumar	Cardiac	Substantive	
Fabio Falconieri	Cardiac	Substantive	
Daniel Sitaranjan	Cardiac	Substantive	
Ira Goldsmith	Thoracic	Substantive	3D printed chest wall reconstruction; Lung metastasectomy.
Francois L'hote	Thoracic	Substantive	Rib fixation
Robert Nicolae	Thoracic	Substantive Endobronchial procedures, LVRS	Substantive Endobronchial procedures, LVRS

Notable events over past 12 months

- Appointment of a substantive thoracic surgeon

Plans for the year ahead

- Navigational bronchoscopy
- Endobronchial procedures; Lung Volume Reduction
- Pectus
- Robotic surgery

Board of Representatives (BORS) Terms of Reference

General Principles

1. The main aim of the Board of Representatives (BORS) is to enable effective two-way communication between each cardiothoracic surgical Unit in the UK & Ireland and the SCTS Executive.
2. The purpose of the Board is to promote and share quality improvement in cardiothoracic surgery.

Structure

1. Membership of the BORS includes appointed Unit Representatives and members of the SCTS Executive (including trustees, elected trustees and co-opted members).
2. Each Unit that provides cardiothoracic surgical services in the United Kingdom & Ireland should have a representative in the BORS.
3. If the appointed Unit Representative of the BORS cannot attend a meeting, they should ensure their Unit is represented by a colleague. Each Unit should also have a named Deputy.
4. As only one representative from each Unit is required, Units who are represented on the BORS by a member of the SCTS Executive can consider not sending an additional representative.
5. Consideration can also be made within each Unit whether to have individual adult cardiac, thoracic and congenital cardiac surgical representation.

Responsibilities of Unit Representatives

1. To attend the annual BORS meeting and the Annual General Meeting. If unable to attend, to ensure a colleague attends in lieu. All Units should be represented at the BORS meeting and the Annual General Meeting.
2. To effectively communicate with their Unit and colleagues on matters discussed at the Annual BORS meeting and Annual General Meeting, and other matters communicated from the SCTS.
3. To assist the SCTS in a timely manner with *ad hoc* enquiries relating to practice, workforce and other topical issues.
4. To support the SCTS in promoting engagement with educational events, fellowships and other opportunities.
5. To declare any real or potential conflicts of interest.
6. To share examples of best practice and quality improvement projects with the other Units and the SCTS to improve the delivery of care for patients undergoing cardiothoracic surgery in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
7. To produce a short annual report, including major events in the Unit and an up-to-date list of surgical staffing.

Appointment of Unit Representatives

1. Unit Representatives will be appointed by the Executive following majority vote from an internal election amongst consultant cardiothoracic surgeons working in the Unit.
2. They will have a term of membership of three years, which is renewable for another three years with the support of colleagues in their Unit and the Executive. Maximum two terms (6 years).
3. Where a Representative is not fulfilling their expected duties, the Executive will invite them to step down from the role.
4. Representatives must be a member of the SCTS.

Meetings

1. The annual BORS meeting, which usually takes place at the RCS in London in September, and the Annual General Meeting, which usually takes place as a virtual meeting in March.
2. The SCTS will be expected to communicate the agenda to all members of the BORS and ask for agenda items.
3. The SCTS will communicate any actions of the annual BORS meeting and Annual General Meeting to all Unit Representatives.
4. There will be a need for electronic communication via e-mail/social media and maybe a need for occasional conference calls.
5. Travel expenses will be reimbursed for the annual BORS meeting, in line with the SCTS policy (i.e. advance tickets only and no first-class travel).

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