

## Our COVID Story

A look back at some key moments during the COVID pandemic.

### February 2020

#### 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.

### March 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.

### April 2020

#### 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

### May 2020

#### 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.

### June 2020

#### 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.

### July 2020

#### 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

### August 2020

#### 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.

## September 2020

### **#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.

## October 2020

### **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

## November 2020

### **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.

## December 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

## January 2021

### **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.