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CSS Team Brief

November 2026



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Today

- Welcome and introduce theme
- MFT Updates
- CSS News and highlights
- North Manchester update: Helen Hunt
- Team Spotlight: Tissue Viability, Lorraine Durham
- Staff Survey
- Close




SMALL BOWEL CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY
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MEDICAL EMERGENCY or CARDIAC ARREST
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MFT Updates

One Born Every Minute

Upcoming Episode Schedule

- **Episode 3:** Sunday, **8 November 2026** at 9:00 PM on E4
- **Episode 4:** Sunday, **15 November 2026** at 9:00 PM on E4
- **Episode 5:** Sunday, **22 November 2026** at 9:00 PM on E4
- **Episode 6:** Sunday, **29 November 2026** at 9:00 PM on E4





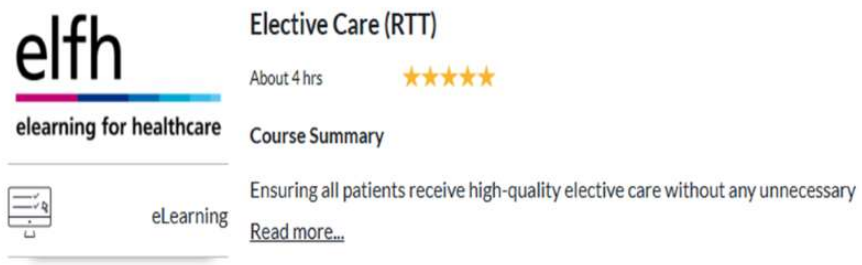
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H2 plans

- H2 = Oct 26 – March 27
- The Trust has a range of plans to reduce waiting times for patients and also to continue to focus on Value for Patients.
- We know that if the other MFT Clinical Groups do more activity this will impact CSS services.
- We are working on plans to ensure we can support the rest of MFT.

RTT training

- Staff involved in the management/administration of elective care pathways are being asked to complete this training by end November.
- This training is needed to ensure safe and effective pathways can be delivered across the organisation.



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North Manchester update
Helen Hunt
(slides to come)

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October 2026: Latest news

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3 things to look out for this month. Click the October newsletter link for more

- **Design work is moving forward:** Following commencement of the next RIBA Design Stage (for both the Acute Hospital and Outpatient Centre) the Project will shortly be commencing a planned series of clinical and non-clinical user groups that will help to further shape layouts, patient flows and confirm wider design decisions. It will be important for design group representatives to attend as many of these sessions as possible to ensure consistency and efficiency across the engagement process and for design group representatives to share key outputs across service teams as they are made available ahead and following design meetings.

- **There are more ways to get involved:** Staff drop-ins, wider engagement events and the new Patient and Public Stakeholder Group will further support us in capturing different experiences and perspectives to inform the design plans.

- **Early site preparatory work is on its way:** Traffic, and above and below ground site surveys are being scoped and planned to help the design and construction teams understand the constraints of the current site and, for example, so that teams understand different below ground materials to inform the detailed design and pricing of the works. These surveys will also inform phasing plans to ensure there remains a minimal impact upon the day-to-day operation of the site throughout construction.



[Go to the latest October 2026 Update]

Engagement events – all staff welcome

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Online and in person events – more dates to be announced soon

- Tuesday 27 October 8.30am - 9.30am **Ask the Project Team - Drop in** Gallery Restaurant

- Thursday 19 November 8.30am - 9.30am **Ask the Project Team - Online** MS Teams event Ask the North Manchester New Hospital Project Team | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams



Access previous newsletters and ask a question

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See our journey so far by accessing previous newsletters and use the QR code to ask a question

Read again - click the link

May Update
June Update
July Update
August Update
September Update

Our Hospital, Our Future – Get in Touch



NM New Hospital | Design Group Leads contact details & schedule

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	Design Group and Design Group Number ()	R1 session date	R1 Feedback window
Zoe Merchant Zoe.merchant@mft.nhs.uk TOM Programme Manager 	Urgent & Emergency Care (1)	Wed 18th Nov 2pm - 4pm	Wed 18th – Tues 24th Nov
	Infectious Diseases (3)	Tues 10th Nov 1pm – 2.30pm	Tues 10th – Mon 16th Nov
	Research & Innovation (10)	Tues 17th Nov 2pm - 4pm	Tues 17th – Mon 23rd Nov
Dean Whitehouse Dean.Whitehouse@mft.nhs.uk Estates & Facilities Lead 	Main Entrance (20)	Mon 9th Nov 12.30 - 2pm	Mon 9th – Fri 13th Nov
	EFM Logistics Centre (24)	Fri 20th Nov 1pm - 3pm	Fri 20th – Th 26th Nov
	Decontamination & Clinical Engineering (25)	Fri 13th Nov 11.30 - 1pm	Fri 13th – Th 19th Nov
	Catering, Retail (26)	Tues 17th Nov 11am – 12.30	Tues 17th – Mon 23rd Nov
	Command Centre (HOCC) (27)	Wed 11th Nov 2.30 - 4.30pm	Wed 11th – Tues 17th Nov
Rebecca Steer Rebecca.Steer@mft.nhs.uk Workforce & Cultural Change Lead 	Admin & Office spaces (21)	Fri 20th Nov 3.30 - 4.30pm	Fri 20th – Thurs 26th Nov
	Staff Break & Welfare spaces (22)	Wed 18th Nov 11.30 - 12.30pm	Wed 18th – Tues 24th Nov
	Education (23)	Tues 17th Nov 9.30 - 10.30am	Tues 17th – Mon 23rd Nov

DG Leads – contact details pg2	Design Group and Design Group Number ()	R1 session date	R1 Feedback window
Gemma Batchelor Gemma.Batchelor@mft.nhs.uk  TOM Delivery & Clinical Strategy Lead	Outpatients (Main Acute) (8)	Mon 16th Nov 9.30 - 12midday	Mon 16th - Fri 20th Nov
	Standalone Outpatient Centre (28)	Separate meetings occurring	Ongoing feedback
Emma Storey Emma.Storey@mft.nhs.uk  Senior Project Manager	Maternity (11)	Fri 20th Nov 9.30 - 11am	Fri 20th – Thurs 26th Nov
	Neonates (12)	Wed 18th Nov 9.30 - 11am	Wed 18th – Tues 24th Nov
	Gynaecology (13)	Fri 13th Nov 2pm – 3.30pm	Fri 13th – Thurs 19th Nov
	Paediatrics (14)	Mon 9th Nov 2.30pm - 4pm	Mon 9th – Fri 13th Nov
	Laboratory Medicine (16)	Mon 16th Nov 3pm - 4pm	Mon 16th to Fri 20th
Sophie Whitham Sophie.whitham@mft.nhs.uk  Project Manager	Wards (2)	Mon 9th Nov 9.30am - 12midday	Mon 9th – Mon 16th Nov
	Theatres & Day Case (5)	Wed 11th Nov 9.30am - 11.30am	Wed 11th – Tues 17th Nov
	Endoscopy (6)	Fri 13th Nov 9.30 -11	Fri 13th – Th 19th Nov
	Minor Procedures Unit (7)	Wed 11th Nov 9.30am - 11.30am	Wed 11th – Tues 17th Nov
	Programmed Investigations Unit (9)	Mon 16th Nov 9.30-12	Mon 16th – Fri 20th
Anthony Sutcliffe* *start date Mon 2nd Nov, Emma supporting Anthony's DGs until then.  Senior Project Manager	Critical Care (4)	Wed 11th Nov 12.30 - 1.30	Wed 11th – Tues 17th
	Mortuary & Bereavement (15)	Mon 16th Nov 1pm - 2pm	Mon 16th to Fri 20th
	Pharmacy (17)	Tues 10th Nov 3pm - 4pm	Tues 10th to Mon 16th
	Imaging & Nuclear Medicine (18)	Tues 10th Nov 9.30 - 11.30	Tues 10th to Mon 16th
	Therapies (19)	Mon 9th Nov 9.30 - 12	Mon 9th to Fri 13th

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Ongoing national supply issue affecting NOVA POCT ketone test strips

Examples of true excellence from our anaesthetics teams







An article by
Dr Katherine Ajdukiewicz
CSS Medical Director

Behind every patient, an extraordinary team: World Anaesthesia Day 2026

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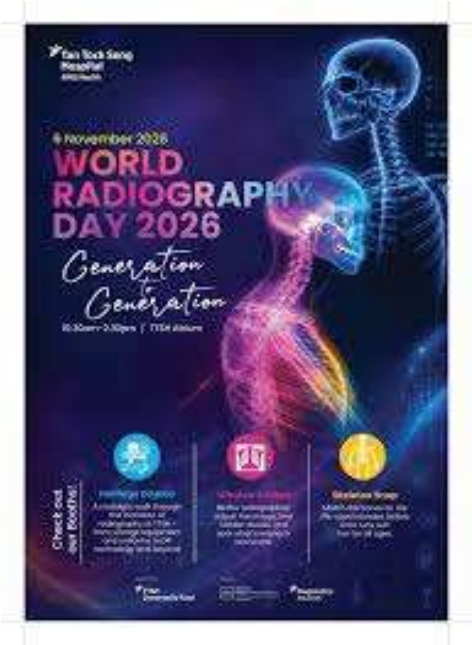
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International Pathology Day 2026

National Pathology Week 2026
#pathologyweek

Celebrations

- National Pathology Week: 2 to 6th Nov
- Stop the Pressure: 16 to 20th Nov
- Occupational Therapy Week: First week Nov
- World Radiology Day: 8 Nov
- Adult Safeguarding Week: 17 to 21st Nov



Every Voice.
Every Choice.

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026


AHP Day Symposium 2026
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“Starting from zero is not the same as starting from nothing”



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Tissue Viability team

Presentation by:

Lorraine Durham

Nurse Consultant

CSS Infection Control and Tissue Viability

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Infection Prevention & Tissue Viability

Who are we and what do we do?

Specialist infection prevention and control, and tissue viability team

Our bases

- Wythenshawe Hospital
- Oxford Road Campus (ORC)
- North Manchester General Hospital
- Community LCO includes districts;
  - Trafford
  - North, South and Central Manchester
  - Leg ulcer services
  - Public Health SLA (Trafford)
  - Moya Cole SLA



10 **MFT hospitals**

Our referrals over 12 months

Reporting period: 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026

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Total referrals

23,183

Service	12-month total
Infection Prevention and Control	8,281
Tissue Viability	13,784
Leg ulcer services	1,118

Data source: IPC/TV Workload Database

Infection Prevention & Control - Making a Difference Every Day

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Gloves Off Campaign

🧤 Promoting appropriate glove use across MFT

- Reducing unnecessary glove use
- Supporting effective hand hygiene
- Improving patient experience
- Contributing to environmental sustainability

Education & Training

🎓 Developing knowledge and confidence

- IPC Link Champion programme
- Hand hygiene training and competency assessment
- ANTT education
- Common organism awareness sessions
- Outbreak management and isolation practice
- Fit testing training for designated fit testers

Harm Free Care & Learning

📈 Turning incidents into improvements

- Attendance at Harm Free Care meetings
- Review of infection-related incidents and outbreaks
- Sharing lessons learned across services
- Supporting teams to implement improvements

Policy & Guidance

📋 Supporting safe, evidence-based practice

- Review and update of Trust IPC policies
- Supporting implementation of national guidance
- Providing specialist IPC advice across MFT
- Maintaining up-to-date clinical resources for staff

IPC Week 2026 – What We Delivered:

✅ **Over 300 staff engaged** through ward-based teaching, study days, conferences and bespoke educational sessions
✅ **45+ wards and clinical areas visited** across acute and community services
✅ **IPC & ANTT Study Day** delivered to 55 attendees, covering:

- Fundamentals of IPC
- Winter pressures
- Hand hygiene and PPE audits
- Gloves Off campaign
- ANTT assessor practical training

✅ Hand hygiene education, audits and practical demonstrations
✅ Gloves Off campaign engagement with clinical and non-clinical staff, including domestics, porters and MDT colleagues
✅ ANTT training and practice support
✅ Common organisms, MRSA, line care and C. difficile education
✅ Outbreak surveillance, seasonal virus awareness and policy updates
✅ IPC education delivered directly at the bedside and in clinical areas
✅ IPC boards reviewed with Link Champions across community services
✅ Uniform campaign promoting professional standards and infection prevention principles
✅ Presentation at the Wound Care Today Conference showcasing collaborative IPC and TV working

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IPC Week 2026 - Our Impact

- Increased visibility of the IPC Team across acute and community settings
- Engaged over 300 staff, students and multidisciplinary colleagues
- Achieved 94% compliance during observed hand hygiene audits
- Strengthened staff knowledge and confidence in IPC practice
- Supported Link Champions to embed best practice locally
- Promoted consistent IPC standards across hospital and community services
- Shared MFT learning externally through national conference presentations
- Created real-time opportunities for education, challenge and quality improvement


GlitterBug
See the Germs for Yourself!
Germs are invisible... but with UV light they GLOW!
Inside a communal staff microwave!
Across all 4 teams... ORC, WTWA, North & Community!
Great to see so many of you getting involved!
Check. Learn. Improve.
Clean hands brighter futures!
Why it matters
Helps us see how easily germs spread
A fun and memorable way to learn
Supports safer care for our patients, colleagues and visitors
Thank you!
A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our GlitterBug activities across ORC, WTWA, North and Community. It was great to see so many of you getting involved, asking questions, having a go and supporting each other.
Your enthusiasm and curiosity help keep IPC high on our agenda and make our workplaces safer for everyone.
CLEAN HANDS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE
Infection Prevention is everyone's business!
Small actions. A cleaner, safer tomorrow.
CLEAN HANDS BRIGHTER DAYS
ORC | WTWA | NORTH | COMMUNITY | WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, HEALTHIER TOMORROW


Thank You!
to everyone who attended and interacted!
Different conversations Different ideas A healthier tomorrow
Great People Brighter Together
INFECTION CONTROL
Ideas Shared Knowledge Gained Real Change
Curiosity Engagement Support Safer Places
You made it happen!
Small actions make a big difference
A big thank you to all our colleagues across ORC, WTWA, North and Community for taking part, getting involved, asking questions and sharing your ideas.
Your enthusiasm, engagement and support help make our workplaces stronger, safer and more connected.
We really appreciate you!
Stronger Together
Safer Workplaces
Healthier Communities
Brighter Futures
ORC | WTWA | North | Community
Working together for a healthier tomorrow

Tissue Viability: Improving Outcomes and Reducing Harm

Pressure Ulcer Prevention

- Supporting clinical teams to reduce avoidable pressure damage
- Providing expert review and advice for complex patients
- Promoting evidence-based prevention strategies

Education and Workforce Development

- Pressure ulcer prevention training
- Skin assessment and wound management education
- Link Champion support and development
- Bespoke teaching sessions for clinical teams

Quality Improvement and Assurance

- Participation in Harm Free Care meetings
- Review of incidents and sharing lessons learned
- Audits to support compliance and best practice
- Collaboration with clinical teams to drive improvemen

Innovation and Service Development

- Evaluation of new products and equipment
- Supporting procurement decisions through clinical expertise
- Contributing to policy and guideline development

IPC and TV together: C-section wound care

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Rising SSI rates and increasing presentations to triage with wound complications prompted a review. A survey identified gaps in training and confidence in wound assessment, highlighting the need for a wider review of care.

01

Available dressings and Procurement review

Identified dressing, GM formulary procurement and a national pricing matrix secure volume-based dressing discounts.

02

Risk assessment

Intraoperative assessment identifies major risks for wound healing and guides dressing choice, Aquacel surgical (low/moderate) or PICO (high risk).

03

Dressing selection

AQUACEL Surgical as standard dressing to remain in place for 5 days.



Selection rationale

Absorbency and moisture control, close conformity to the incision, an occlusive barrier, waterproof and incision support.

Next steps:

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The next priority

Launch Midwifery wound assessment and infection identification training and pathway

01 Identify wound infection

Recognition of normal healing and wound assessment

02 Use the escalation pathway

Clear routes for advice, medical review and specialist review

03 Manage wound concerns

Consistent care across hospital and community including wound assessment dressing selection advice

Intended outcomes

Fewer avoidable hospital attendances and admissions, and fewer unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions plus better patient experience. Collect and analyse data.

Reducing the number of IGAS Infections in the community by bringing together 3 specialist [illegible]s TV/IPC/Leg [illegible]

PROBLEM

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iGAS infections

across 4 community localities in 6 months

THEMES

- **Environment**
- **Cleaning**
- **Wound cleansing**

ACTIONS

- **Cleaning checklist**
- **Cleaning standards**
- **UCS cloths for venous leg ulcers**
- **Patient behavior conversations and poster**

IMPACT

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iGAS infections

over the following 6 months

80% REDUCTION

WHAT CHANGED FOR THE PATIENT AND STAFF

Nurse-led, practical and transferable

Preventing infection rather than reacting to infection.

No 'postcode lottery' in leg ulcer care

One standardised approach across the city.

FINALIST FOR NURSING TIMES AWARD 2026

IPC with the patient, not to the patient

Empowering patients to be part of infection prevention.

Three specialities. One holistic outcome.

Tissue Viability • Infection Prevention & Control • Leg Ulcer Care

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Stop the Pressure: every move matters

Educational events across MFT sites, these can all be booked on the Learning Hub:

- WTWA Tissue Viability Academy, Thursday 19 November, 13:30 – 16:00, ERC, Wythenshawe
- ORC Tissue Viability Link Practitioner Day, Thursday 19 November, 9:15 – 16:30, Post Grad Centre, ORC
- NMGH Tissue Viability Link Practitioner Day, Friday 20 November, 9:00 – 16:00, Clinical Skills Room, NMGH
- Community Stop the Pressure Study Day, Monday 23 November, 9:00 – 16:00, ERC, Wythenshawe

Society of Tissue Viability



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Thank You- Any Questions?



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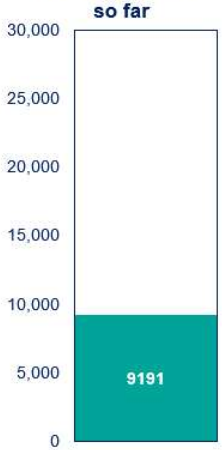
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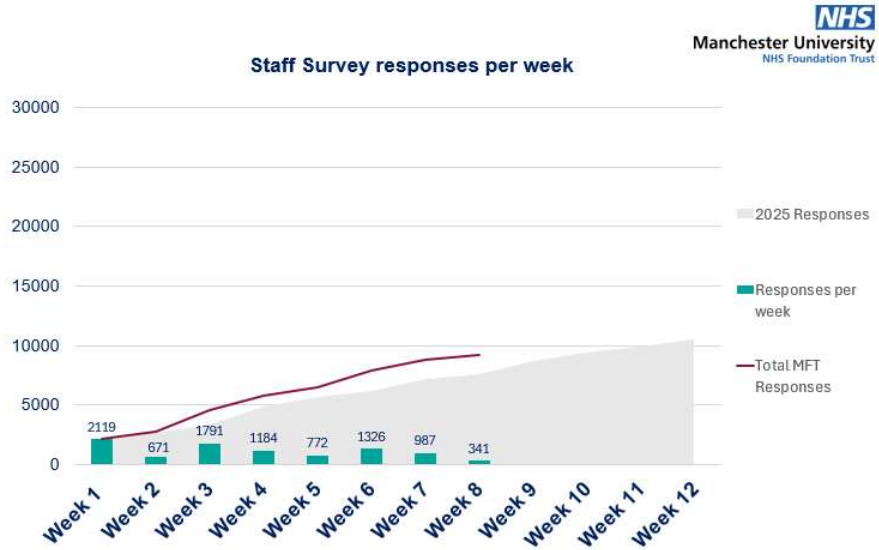
National Staff Survey 2026 - Week 8

MFT response rate 30.09%

Clinical Group Breakdown	Response Rate
LCOD Local Care Organisation & Dental	36.62%
CSS Clinical & Scientific Services	31.57%
WTWA Wythenshawe Trafford Withington & Altrincham	25.86%
SHCG Specialist Hospitals	25.68%
NMGH North Manchester General Hospital	25.55%
MRI Manchester Royal Infirmary	25.14%
	Response Rate
Sodexo	10.80%

Corporate Breakdown	Response Rate
gic Planning	93.94%
Deputy CEO	73.91%
HR & Corporate Services	63.76%
TESH	60.52%
Patient Services	57.83%
Finance & Purchasing	48.69%
Chief Operating Officer	45.38%
Digital Services	43.96%
Charities	41.67%
Medical Director	41.26%
Research & Innovation	41.08%
Estates & Facilities	28.18%





Staff Group Response Rate

















4 weeks to go

Closing: Midnight, Friday 27th November

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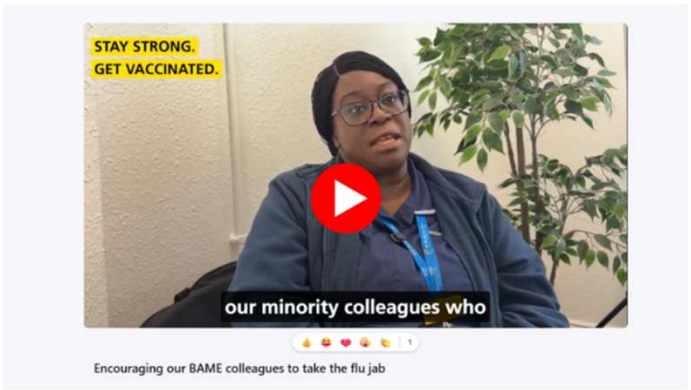
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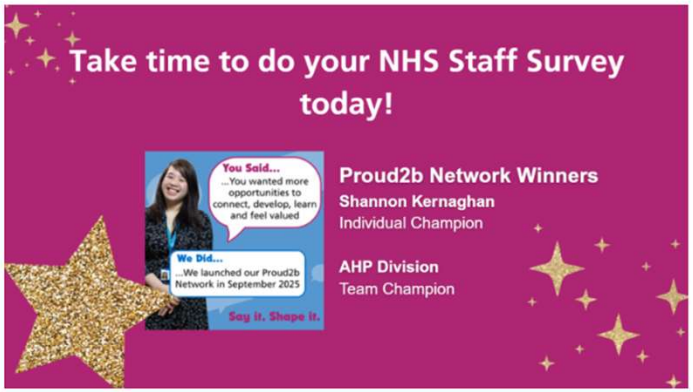
CSS NEWS



Better scans, shorter waits: meet the team behind North Manchester's new MRI scanner
October 30, 2026



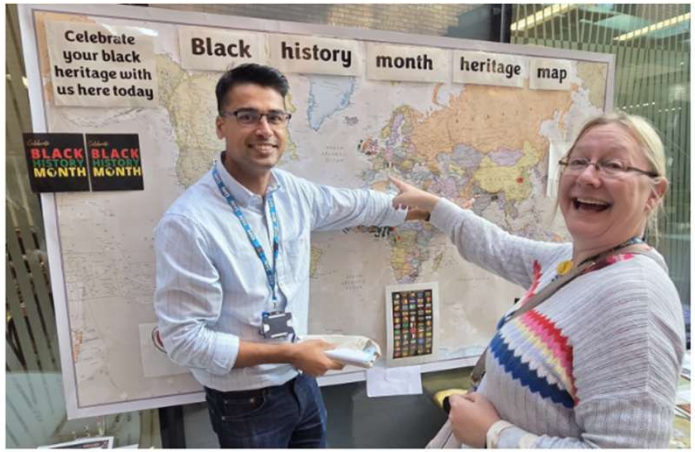
Unsure about the flu jab? Hear from a former vaccinator
October 30, 2026



Do your NHS Staff Survey
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🎃 Tricks, Treats & Festive Perks
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Celebrating Black History Month 2026 at MFT



The latest on our new Main Hospital and Outpatient Centre
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And don't forget to look after each other

