



Royal Surrey County Hospital urology centre: Contract signed after six years of 'amazing highs and desperate lows'

Prostate Project Chairman, Colin Stokes MBE, said: “This is an historic day for the charity and for Royal Surrey County Hospital urology patients. This new NHS Urology Centre, for so long an unrealized dream, will dramatically improve the patient experience for men, women and children. After 6 years of hard fundraising, some amazing highs and desperate lows, it is so rewarding to finally arrive at this momentous contract signing moment. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my incredible management team and our many thousands of generous supporters. Special thanks must go to trustee Professor Stephen Langley, Clinical Director of Urology at RSCH, whose vision and drive have been so vital in creating this new world-class Centre.

Trustee Tim Sharp, who is responsible for the charity’s publicity said “I would like to pay special tribute to the Surrey Advertiser and BBC Radio Surrey who have been by our side throughout the history of the charity. Their support helping us promote greater awareness of prostate cancer and encouraging participation in our appeals has been absolutely key to the great success we have enjoyed.

The Surrey Advertiser sponsored our highly successful ‘Pint-a-Week’ Appeal asking men to give up the cost of a pint of beer a week and helped us launch OctoBeardFest and the Urology Centre ‘Buy-a-Brick for £10’ appeals. OctoBeardFest has raised more than £220,000 in the last 3 years providing vital funds for our University of Surrey research cancer research team and ‘Buy-a-Brick’ has just passed the £70,000 mark in 3 months. We are hopeful it will raise much more when construction starts”.

Over the last 6 years, the Prostate Project has raised £1.7m towards the new Urology Centre and are doing their best to increase that to £2m over the next 18 months. Anyone who would like to buy bricks, can do so via their website (prostate-project.org.uk) or at their dedicated BTmyDonate site (<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/buyabrick1>)

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