

Over 50 new surgical hubs set to open across England to help bust the COVID-19 backlogs

North West Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS FT Clatterbridge Hospital
North West Pennine Acute Hospital NHS Trust NCA Childrens Hub – Royal
Oldham Hospital North West Pennine Acute Hospital NHS Trust Fairfield
General Hospital North West Manchester University NHS foundation trust
Trafford Hospital – Elective Hub North West Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh
NHS FT Wrightington Hospital (GM Specialist Orthopaedic Centre) North
West Manchester University NHS FT Withington Hospital North West
Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS FT Blackpool Victoria Hospital (Ophthalmology
Surgical Unit) North West Lancaster Teaching Hospital NHS FT Chorley and
South Ribble Hospital North West East Lancashire Hospital NHS Trust
Burnley General Hospital North West East Lancashire Hospital NHS Trust
Royal Blackburn Hospital North West University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay
NHS FT Westmorland General Hospital NEY Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT
Alnwick Infirmary NEY Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT North Tyneside
General Hospital NEY Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT Wansbeck General
Hospital NEY Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT Hexham General Hospital
NEY North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT University Hospital of Hartlepool
NEY Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Castle Hill Hospital NEY
York Teaching Hospital NHS FT Bridlington and District Hospital NEY
Harrogate and District NHS FT Harrogate and District NHS FT NEY Northern
Lincolnshire and Goole NHS FT Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital NEY
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS FT Goole and District Hospital NEY
Barnsley Hospital NHS FT Barnsley Hospital NEY Sheffield Teaching
Hospitals NHS FT Northern General Hospital (Sheffield DSU) NEY Sheffield
Teaching Hospitals NHS FT Northern General Hospital (Balborough Treatment
Centre – Sheffield Hand Centre) NEY Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
Northern General Hospital – Ophthalmology NEY Calderdale and Huddersfield
NHS FT Calderdale Royal Hospital NEY Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS FT
Calderdale Royal Hospital NEY Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Chapel
Allerton Hospital NEY Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Wharfedale
Hospital Midlands The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS FT Royal Orthopaedic
Hospital – Surgical Centre Midlands University Hospitals Birmingham NHS
FT Solihull Hospital Elective Hub Midlands Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
Walsall Manor Hospital Midlands The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Cannock
Chase Hospital Midlands Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust Birmingham
Treatment Centre (City Hospital) Midlands George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
George Eliot Hospital – Day Proc Unit and Day Case Theatres Midlands
University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust University Hospital
(Coventry) – Rugby Midlands University Hospitals Coventry and
Warwickshire NHS Trust University Hospital (Coventry) – University Hospitals
Coventry and Warwickshire Day Surgery Unit Midlands South Warwickshire
NHS FT SWFT Warwick Hospital Midlands South Warwickshire NHS FT Stratford
Day Case Midlands University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS FT
Ilkeston Community Hospital Midlands University Hospitals of Derby and

Burton NHS FT Sir Robert Peel (SRP) Community Hospital Midlands
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS FT Burton Hospital Treatment
Centre Midlands University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS FT Kings
Treatment, Royal Derby Hospital Midlands Worcestershire Acute Hospitals
NHS Trust Alexandra Hospital Elective Hub Midlands University Hospitals
of Leicester NHS Trust Glenfield Hospital – Elective Hub Midlands
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust LLR Alliance Community Hospital –
Elective Hub Midlands United Lincolnshire Hospital NHS Trust Grantham and
District Hospital – Elective Surgical Hub Midlands Sherwood Forest
Hospitals NHS FT Newark Hospital (King’s Mill Hospital) – Elective Hub
Midlands The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust Royal Shrewsbury
Hospital – Cataract Suite (Cophthorne Building) East of England Cambridge
University Hospitals NHS FT CUH at Princess of Wales Hospital East of
England Cambridge University Hospitals NHS FT Addenbrooke’s Hospital
(Cambridge Eye Unit) East of England West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS
Trust St Albans City Hospital Elective Hub East of England Mid and South
Essex NHS FT Braintree Community Hospital London St George’s University
Hospitals NHS FT St George’s at Queen Mary’s Hospital London Croydon
Health Services NHS Trust Croydon University Hospital London Epsom and St
Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust South West London Elective Orthopaedic
Centre London King’s College Hospital NHS FT Orpington Hospital
London Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust Queen Mary’s Hospital Sidcup
London London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust Central Middlesex
Hospital London Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Charing Cross
Hospital London Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS FT Chelsea and
Westminster London The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT Hillingdon – Mount
Vernon Treatment centre London Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS FT
West Middlesex Elective Hub London Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital
NHS Trust Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital London University College
London Hospitals NHS FT UCLH – Grafton Way London Royal Free London NHS
FT Chase Farm Hospital London Moorefields Eye Hospital NHS FT Moorfield
Eye Hospital – St Ann’s London Moorefields Eye Hospital NHS FT Moorfield
Eye Hospital – City Road London Royal Free London NHS FT Edgware
Community Hospital London Whittington Health NHS Trust The Whittington
Hospital London Barts Health NHS Trust Whipps Cross – Plane Tree
London Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust King
George Ilford – Queens Hospital London Barts Health NHS Trust Newham
General Hospital – BHOC London Homerton University Hospital NHS FT
Homerton University Hospital South West Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS
FT Sulis Hospital – Bath – Elective Surgery Hub South West Royal Cornwall
Hospitals NHS Trust Royal Cornwall – St Michael’s Elective Hub South West
Royal Devon and Exeter NHS FT Nightingale Hospital Exeter – Elective Surgery
Centre South West University Hospitals Dorset NHS FT Christchurch
Hospital – Dermatology Unit South East Royal Berkshire NHS FT West
Berkshire Community Hospital South East Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS
Trust Wycombe Hospital South East Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (NOC) South East Royal Berkshire NHS FT King
Edward Vii Hospital (Prince of Wales) South East Frimley Health NHS FT
Heatherwood Hospital South East University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust
Lymington Hospital South East Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
Queen Alexandra Hospital South East Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT Andover

War Memorial Hospital South East Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT Basingstoke
General Hospital South East Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT Winchester County
Hospital South East Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Maidstone
Hospital South East Ashford and St Peter's Hospital NHS FT Ashford
Hospital South East University Hospitals Sussex NHS FT Sussex Orthopaedic
Treatment Centre

[PM call with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt: 25 August 2022](#)

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi



The Prime Minister spoke to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi this afternoon, to welcome the cooperation between the UK and Egypt during his premiership and discuss ways to further boost the relationship between our countries.

The leaders highlighted increased trade, business and education links, including the creation of the UK-Egypt Investment Council and new investment opportunities in Egypt.

They also welcomed our countries' close defence and security cooperation, and the Prime Minister thanked President Sisi for his role in helping to get grain out of Ukraine's ports and on route to countries facing desperate food shortages as a result of Russia's blockade.

The Prime Minister and President Sisi discussed resolving the consular case of Alaa Abdel Fattah, and the Prime Minister expressed his hope for swift and positive progress on the issue.

The leaders also looked ahead to the UK handing over the COP Presidency to Egypt at COP27 in November, emphasising the importance of driving forward the transformative action on climate change agreed in Glasgow last year.

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Thank you President. I join others in thanking Mr Wennesland, Mr Lazzarini and Mr Levy for their valuable briefings today.

Let me start by welcoming the two-year anniversary of the Abraham Accords this month. The Abraham Accords are a historic milestone that bring us closer to the goal of shared prosperity and peace throughout the region.

President,

As we stated at the emergency session on 8 August, the UK welcomes the ceasefire in Gaza and we reiterate our calls for the parties to make every effort to sustain it. It is critical that humanitarian access in and out of Gaza is ensured, in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

We were appalled by the terrorist attack in Jerusalem on 13 August. The UK unequivocally condemns any and all acts of terrorism. Our thoughts are with the victims and families of those affected. We reiterate our unwavering commitment to Israel's security. This conflict has taken a terrible toll on both sides. We are concerned at the record number of Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces this year and urge Israel to show restraint in the use of live ammunition and to ensure a thorough and transparent investigation into all fatalities.

President,

We have been clear about our concern over the Israeli government's decision last year to designate six Palestinian NGOs as terrorist organisations. The subsequent raids on the offices of seven Palestinian NGOs, and arrests of their staff, are equally concerning. Civil society organisations play an important role in upholding human rights and democracy and they must be able to operate freely in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. We continue to engage with a number of these organisations.

President,

We call on the Israeli authorities to halt plans to advance evictions at Khan Al Ahmar and on the E1 settlement plan. Advancing E1 would seriously hinder a two-state solution. Settlements are contrary to International Humanitarian Law.

This month we also saw demolition orders issued in Masafer Yatta and against a donor-funded school in Ein Samiya. Such demolitions cause unnecessary suffering and in all but exceptional circumstances are contrary to international law.

The UK is a long-standing supporter of UNRWA for the vital role they play in providing core services and humanitarian and protection assistance to Palestinian refugees across the region. We were pleased to announce at the pledging conference in June that we have agreed a new multi-year funding agreement with UNRWA and will provide £15m this year.

The situation on the ground demonstrates the urgent need to make progress towards a Two State Solution that ensures a safe and secure Israel, living alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state based on 1967 lines, with Jerusalem the shared capital of both states. The UK remains committed to working with all parties to reduce tensions and take steps towards a sustainable peace.

[New Deputy Government Actuary](#)

News story

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The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) has announced that the new Deputy Government Actuary has been named as Matt Gurden. The appointment followed an open competition for the role.

The Government Actuary Martin Clarke said: "Matt Gurden has an impressive track record of actuarial consulting in both the private and public sectors across a very broad range of areas.

"I congratulate him on this appointment, and I look forward to working

closely with him in providing professional and business leadership to the Government Actuary's Department and in developing the valuable contribution that actuaries make within the public sector."

Management and oversight

Matt's most recent role was as the GAD Actuarial Director for Clients, Growth and Development. He is a member of the Management Board and Executive.

He provides Management Board oversight for 2 GAD teams – Specialist Actuarial and the Analytical Solutions Team. He is also the chair of the Thought Leadership Oversight Group.

New role

Matt Gurden said: "I am delighted to be named as the new Deputy Government Actuary. It's an exciting time to be part of GAD as we expand our client offer across the public sector.

"My role as Actuarial Director means I've had the opportunity to take the strategic view of the work we undertake to support our clients. GAD's areas of expertise continue to include insurance, investment, data science, modelling and quality assurance, as well as pensions and social security."

Matt joined GAD in 2011 after working in a variety of roles in several private sector actuarial consultancies.

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[21 Argentines will study in the UK with Chevening scholarships](#)

World news story

The British Ambassador welcomed at her Residence the group of young Argentines who were awarded Chevening scholarships.



The group of 2022/2023 Chevening scholars with HMA Kirsty Hayes

On Tuesday 23 August, the Ambassador Kirsty Hayes bid farewell to the 21 Argentine scholarship holders who will leave for the UK to do their master's studies for a year, wishing them a safe and successful trip.

In her speech, the Ambassador congratulated the scholars and appreciated the diversity of courses and universities chosen by the young students who will spend a year in the United Kingdom.

The Chevening scholarships allow outstanding young leaders to carry out postgraduate studies at a British university of their choice with all the expenses covered.

Applications to study during 2023-2024 are open from 2 August to 1 November 2022. Apply today at <https://www.chevening.org/apply>.

Complete list of 2022/2023 scholars

1. Aguilera, Manuel – MPA Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value – University College London
2. Benavidez Lo Bello, Lucía Mariel – MSc Human Rights and Politics – London School of Economics and Political Science
3. Bergia, Agostina – MPP Public Policy – University of Oxford
4. Bonelli, Bárbara – MSc in Urban Development Planning – University College London
5. Brizuela, Agustina – MPA Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value – University College London
6. Bulat, Santiago – MSc Development Economics -University of Sussex
7. Caprarulo, Joaquín – LLM Master of Laws – London School of Economics and Political Science
8. Casalia, Joaquín – LLM Master of Laws – London School of Economics and Political Science
9. Colli, Kevin Emilio – MSc Leadership for Sustainable Rural Development – Queen's University Belfast
10. Fourcade, Azul – MA Anthropology of Development and Social Transformation – University of Sussex
11. González, Guadalupe Andrea – MSc Social Data Science – University of Essex
12. Guerrero, Gonzalo – LLM Master of Laws – London School of Economics and

Political Science

13. Itoiz, Kevin – MA Governance, Development and Public Policy – University of Sussex
14. Modernel, Jonathan Alexander – MSc Social Research Methods – London School of Economics and Political Science
15. Moreno, Teófilo – MA Governance, Development and Public Policy – University of Sussex
16. Novillo Funes, Sofía – MSc Gender (Sexuality) – London School of Economics and Political Science
17. Pesce, Martina – MSc Public Health for Development – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
18. Piazza, Matías Nicolás – MSc The Political Economy of Emerging Markets – King's College London
19. Semenzato, Rosario – MSc Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship – London School of Economics and Political Science
20. Steuermann Waibsnaider, Ezequiel Natan – LLM Master of Laws – London School of Economics and Political Science
21. Walsh Astuena, Agustina Malena – MSc Global Strategy & Sustainability – University of Edinburgh

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