



KING EDWARD VII's
HOSPITAL

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Since 1899 we have been proud to deliver the very best medical care and put veterans at the heart of all that we do.

King Edward VII's Hospital is an independent charitable hospital with a proud history of Royal Patronage. With just 56 beds, we offer truly personalised medical care that combines leading expertise our patients demand and impeccable standards of nursing care they deserve. Our compassionate culture creates a peaceful, private and supportive environment, returning patients to everyday life with as little disruption as possible.

Our hospital is a charity. We thrive on a spirit of philanthropy, with generous donations keeping us at the forefront of medical care and allowing us to provide the very best service to our patients. Our charitable conscience keeps us dedicated to providing the highest levels of subsidised care to veterans of the Armed Forces.

The Hospital began in 1899 when the Second Boer War broke out in South Africa. As a wave of patriotism swept over Britain, the Prince of Wales (before he became King Edward VII) suggested that Agnes and her sister Fanny convert their Belgravia home into a hospital. Within weeks they were treating sick and wounded returning officers.

When the war ended in 1902, King Edward VII, persuaded Sister Agnes to keep the Hospital open, naming it after himself and becoming Patron in 1903. We are immensely proud and honoured that every successive sovereign has acted as Patron, and a senior member of the Royal Family as President.

By 1919, the number of admissions had risen to a total of 7,000 since first opening. The future was now clearly defined: King Edward VII's Hospital would continue to cater for the serving and retired officers of the Armed Forces.

In 2000, the new millennium marked the Hospital's on-going commitment to providing the highest standard of healthcare, supporting the military community and investing in its infrastructure and equipment. In December 2004, by alterations to its Royal Charter, the Hospital was able to provide medical and surgical treatment to:

- All serving Officers of Her Majesty's Armed Forces
- All other serving Personnel of Her Majesty's Armed Forces – spouses, former spouses, widows and widowers of any of the above persons All retired officers of Her Majesty's Armed Forces who have held regular, temporary, reserve of territorial commission in Her Majesty's Armed Forces or in the British Indian Armed Forces
- All other ex-Service Personnel who have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces (whether in a regular, temporary, reserve or territorial capacity) or in the British Indian Armed Forces.

The Hospital saw Project 'PRU' (Patient Room Upgrade) completed in 2009 and major refurbishment of the main nurses' accommodation building soon after. In 2012, the redevelopment of the Critical Care Unit was finished, securing the Hospital's future.

In August 2016, the Hospital launched its 120th Anniversary Appeal. The appeal aimed to match the £15 million donation from the Sir Michael Uren Foundation in order to invest in a new hospital building and develop our operating theatres. In February 2018, we officially opened our Centre for Veterans' Health. The Centre provides a first class facility housing our ground-breaking Pain Management Programme.

The Kantor Medical Centre (formerly Mackintosh House), our new Outpatient & Diagnostic Centre, is due for completion in late 2020 and will provide 25 additional consulting rooms and a state-of-the-art Diagnostic Centre with the latest Imaging equipment. We are modernising, without losing that special feeling that makes us unique.

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