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WELCOME TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter. We are delighted to share with you some of the things we've been up to over the last 12 months, as well as the exciting events we have coming up.

Since the last edition, we have welcomed government investment of £277,767 towards capital projects, plus a share of almost £80 million for our children's hospice over three years – expected to account for between 25 and 40% of its annual expenditure.

Whilst this will provide some certainty in what are uncertain times for our sector, St Andrew's Hospice costs in excess of £6.5 million to run each year. And with just 18% of that made up of government funding, we continue to value the incredible support of you, our community, as we work hard to bridge the gap.

This is particularly pertinent as we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Andy's Children's Hospice in March 2026. The care we provide for children and young people has touched countless families across Lincolnshire, Hull and the East Riding, so we hope you will join us in marking this wonderful milestone.

We are planning a full schedule of events, which will be shared in due course, so keep an eye on our social media and website for more information.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, seeing what we've been up to recently and how your support helps us to make our mission of 'making each day count' a reality.

Thank you everyone.

Lesley Charlesworth-Browne

Deputy Chief Executive



2024-25 IN NUMBERS

837
REFERRALS

Number of Adult Services referrals

252
PATIENTS

Cared for in our Wellbeing service

1,694
REFERRALS

Number of new referrals to the whole organisation

1,049
APPOINTMENTS

Number of Hospice at Home appointments for Andy's Children's Hospice patients

1,204
APPOINTMENTS

Number of lymphoedema treatment appointments

423
REFERRALS

Number of Bereavement referrals





2nd December - 9th December

THE BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2025

Double your donations!



We're excited to be participating in the Big Give Christmas Challenge again this year! Between 2nd and 9th December, any online donations given to us via the Big Give will be generously match funded by The Reed Foundation.

This year, we are asking you to help us raise £30,000 to help fund a specialist nurse for one year, ensuring patients and families continue to receive expert, compassionate care on our adult inpatient unit.

Without your support, we couldn't fund this care, which our patients and their families rely on during their most difficult times.

We asked our patients and their families what that care means to them. Here's what they had to say...



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I cannot fault, in any way, how I was cared for. They are truly gifted professionals, born to do the job they do to perfection.

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Chris - Respite & Wellbeing Patient

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He's been in respite care elsewhere before but he's always come out ill. This is the first time ever I've been able to go away for a few days, knowing he's being looked after. It's made a real difference to me, and to him.

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Lynn - Chris' Partner



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The care Mum receives is fantastic. She thinks she's coming on holiday when she visits and, if you see the rooms, you'll see why! You're not in a hospice room, you're in your own home. I can't rate this place highly enough.

**Mark - Sheila's Son
(Respite Patient)**

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Your support will help pay for a nurse like Jo to care for patients and families on our adult inpatient unit. This is what it means to her...

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We are a team that genuinely care about what we do and how we care for patients. The hospice is so much more than a place you come to die. We have a lot of fun here with our patients and their families. Someone described the hospice as a happy place where sad things happen and that is just such a great way of explaining what we do.

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GIVE BIG WITH THE BIG GIVE

The free care we give to adults and children living with life-limiting illness costs over £6.5 million per year, of which only 18% is government funded. It is the generosity of our community that allows us to provide our full range of services.

Through 2nd and 9th December your generosity can be matched! Any donations we receive through the Big Give will be match funded. Our mission is to make each day count, which can only be achieved through the kindness of our community.

Any donation received is hugely appreciated! To donate through the Big Give, please scan the QR code.



Head to our Facebook page to check out our special Big Give video!

GET INVOLVED IN 2026

We have lots of exciting things happening in 2026! Whether you want to take on a new challenge, remember a loved one, or just have some fun, events are a great way to help raise valuable funds.

JANUARY

10th: Christmas Tree Recycling (see page 11)



MARCH

1st: North Lincolnshire Half Marathon & 10k

7th: Andy's Children's Hospice 25th anniversary
and launch of #Andys25

MAY

1st-31st: 50k in May

16th: Sky Dive

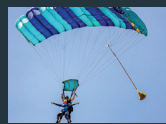


JUNE

7th: Orsted Grimsby 10k

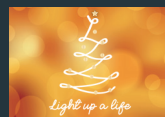
SEPTEMBER

5th: Sky Dive



DECEMBER

5th: Light Up a Life



If you would like to find out more about specific events, please scan the QR code to visit our website.

If you are planning your own event and would like to speak to our Fundraising Team, please call 01472 350908



OUR EVENTS IN 2025



DREAMS COME TRUE THANKS TO MAKE-A-WISH

Andy's Children's Hospice were delighted to be able to help Chelsea FC fan Leo Stenner fulfil his dream to visit the club's training ground, all thanks to Make-A-Wish UK and Chelsea Foundation.

Chelsea-mad Leo has been an Andy's patient since 2022, and it was Children's Nurse Emily Briggs who made the referral to Make-A-Wish, who were able to grant Leo's wish.

Leo's mum Gemma said: "Emily sorted everything out for us. Everyone knows how big of a Chelsea fan Leo is – his clothes are all Chelsea, his medicine bag, literally everything! So, it was a really good wish to be able to have."

The family were put up in a hotel and enjoyed a complimentary meal before the big day!

"The whole day was incredible," Gemma added. "Leo was so excited to meet all the players but especially Cole Palmer – Leo is obsessed! He asked Cole if he wanted to come to our house and if he could take a penalty. He was great; he took the time to have a chat with Leo and was just brilliant with him. Leo said it was the best day of his life."



Annie, who accesses our children's services, was whisked away to a Disney experience at a hotel with her Mum and Nanny. Annie's Mum explained: "She's been through a lot in her life, but certainly these last six months we've had a bit of a rough patch. Just getting to be normal and seeing other kids like her, she doesn't get to do that very often."



The family stayed for two nights, and were treated to character meets, shows, cinema and craft activities. "They even did a drone show at the end, which was beautiful. There wasn't a minute that you didn't feel emotional."

Annie's Mum added: "We just want to say thank you to Emily for putting us forward and for Sophie, our wish maker, for making it so special. It was definitely some of the best days we've ever had together. Just seeing her smiling all the time was brilliant."

RIISING STAR RAURIE SHARES HIS TOP WINTER WARMER

Raurie Mitchell joined the hospice as a Catering Assistant in February 2024, looking for a “new challenge in a different environment” from what he was used to. Since joining, he’s become a valued member of the team, and his special chocolate pear pudding has quickly become a firm favourite among patients!

Raurie takes pride in preparing meals that not only taste good but also bring comfort to those who need it most. His hard work and positive attitude have not gone unnoticed – he was a Hoscars 2024/25 “Rising Star” finalist, a well-deserved recognition of his commitment to his role.

“I enjoy serving the patients and making sure they have a positive experience,” Raurie said. He also added: “I enjoy working with the staff too, we’ve got a really great team.”



Raurie says the kitchen at St Andrew’s is a “friendly place to be”, which is one of the reasons he enjoys working here. He describes it as having a “really happy atmosphere”, something that makes every day rewarding. He appreciates the sense of teamwork and support that comes with working in such a close-knit environment.

With Christmas fast approaching, Raurie is focusing on creating a memorable festive season for everyone. His goal is simple – “give patients a fantastic experience” – by serving delicious roast dinners that bring a bit of comfort during the holidays.

His Christmas recipe is a dish with a “Christmas twist”, a tasty festive take on pork with sweet cranberries. It’s something quite “different and very tasty”, and Raurie is looking forward to sharing it with patients and staff alike.

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 180C/GM 4
2. Season the flour and dust the pork steaks. Heat the oil in a pan then cook the pork for 3-4 minutes each side until browned and cooked through. Transfer to a plate and set aside.
3. Add the red onion to the pan and fry for 5-8 minutes until soft and starting to turn golden. Stir in the stock, cranberry sauce and honey and simmer for 10 minutes.
4. Return the pork and gently cook for 1-2 minutes.
5. Place in the oven for 30-40 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 4 pork steaks
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 red onions, cut into wedges
- 400ml chicken stock
- 4 tbsp cranberry sauce
- 1 tbsp honey

PATIENT GIVES BACK AFTER HOSPICE 'SAVED' HER

In 2017, Anne was told she had stage 3 cancer and was given six months to live, but hoped that she “wasn’t going anywhere”. St Andrew’s Hospice was mentioned during one of her Macmillan check-ins, but she said the thought “frightened” her.

Anne explained: “When Macmillan first suggested I go into a hospice, I was scared. I expected a really old building full of dying people, and it frightened me. They talked me into going, so I decided to just bite the bullet. The minute we walked into the building, I just felt so warm and welcome.”

Anne accessed wellbeing services such as Knit and Natter alongside husband Richard, who said: “I didn’t knit but I certainly nattered! Every now and then they had a wellbeing session where you would meditate so we’d go to that too.”

Anne added: “Everything I got, he also got. He had as much support as I did from the hospice, and that was so important and special to both of us. It gave him the time off from being my carer and let him relax.”

After about a year, Anne was given the incredible news that she was in remission, which she said was an “amazing feeling”. “I immediately knew I wanted to give back. I started putting my feelers out whilst I was weening off the hospice and I found out they were about to open a shop down the road from us. I helped them unload all of the stock ready for opening and have been here ever since.”

Richard soon joined Anne helping out at the Bradley Crossroads store, adding: “We make plans around the hospice; volunteering here always comes first. It helps you too, it helps you grow your skills and confidence, not to mention the social aspect.”

Anne added: “Volunteering is the most rewarding thing you can do. The hospice has given me my life back and helps so many people, all for free. If you get asked to go to the hospice, just go; it was the best thing I ever did. We needed to give back and we will continue to give back. We can’t say thank you enough.”

If you would like to become a St Andrew’s Hospice volunteer, contact our volunteer team at sah.volunteers@nhs.net



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Christmas Tree Recycling

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- Collecting 10th January 2026



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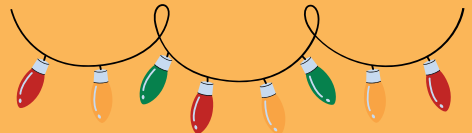
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