

# London Asbestos Support Awareness Group Newsletter

December 2021

London and the South East

For anyone affected by Mesothelioma or other Asbestos related diseases in London and the South East, including Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire

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We are here with you, every step of the way...



London Asbestos Support Awareness Group



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# News & events



**UK SKYDIVING ADVENTURES**

## Sky Diving Adventurers

We are proud to announce we are now registered with UK SkyDiving Adventurers who wish to raise funds for the charity as well as having an adventure!

[www.ukskydivingadventures.com/charity-skydive/  
London-Asbestos-Support-Awareness-Group](http://www.ukskydivingadventures.com/charity-skydive/London-Asbestos-Support-Awareness-Group)



## In loving memory

In memory of Edward Harris, his daughter Lisa is taking part in a sky dive! The brave participants are Lisa Power, Megan Power, Elle Power, Ian Hubbard and Jonny Palmer. We are really excited to be able to go along and support them! We will provide more details on this event in the next newsletter.



## The sponsoring a blanket project was a huge success!

We managed to give out a grand total of 36 blankets to our patients that were kindly crocheted by local clinical lung nurse specialists

as well as volunteers. We were provided with packs containing all the materials needed by Bumble and Yarn, who also donated blankets of different shapes and sizes. Thank You!

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## We would like to welcome Kelly Sorrell to the team

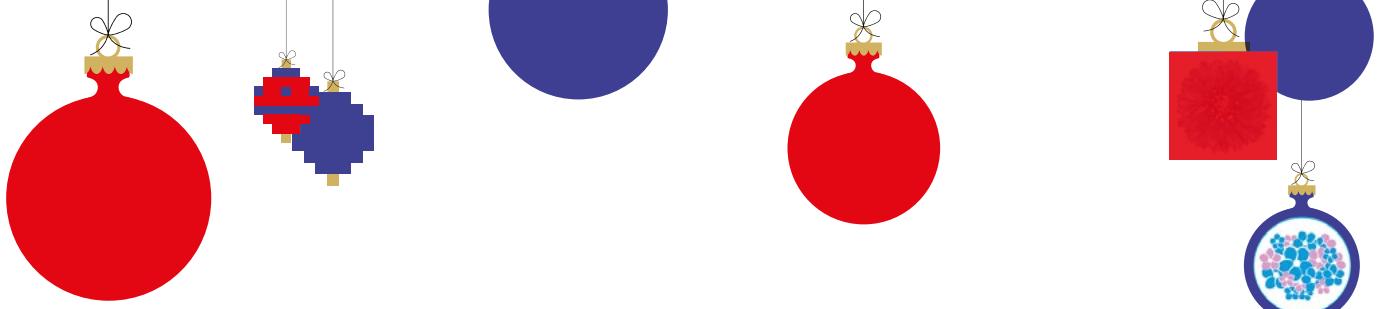
Kelly is the local support worker for Hertfordshire. Kelly has worked within the health and social care industry for over 20 years, providing care to vulnerable people within the community.

She has supported clients with a variety of needs ranging from physical disabilities, dementia, Parkinson's through to End of Life Care. She has experience of management in various care settings from hourly community care, through to 24 hour live in care.

Kelly's experience also includes starting a new domiciliary company which is still thriving today. Kelly is passionate about making sure that sufferers who require

support should receive that to the highest possible. She is a born organiser and enjoys helping people with a view to making their lives easier both in her professional life and her private life.





## Our new logo

Over the past few months we have been developing our visual communication strategy. Our guidance leaflets; newsletters and forms have undergone a makeover. In addition, we are continuing with the development of our logo - which will be used across both our print and digital assets.



## Meso UK

We were honoured to have been invited to the opening of the new Meso UK Office. Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Mike Kapur OBE officially opened the offices on Monday 22 November 2021. The former local authority building at 235 Loughborough Road has been refurbished and is now the new headquarters for Mesothelioma UK's Operations Team including 12 staff, covering administration, finance, business development, research, events and fundraising. During our visit, we also had the opportunity to

catch up with Nicola from Thompsons and Dan from Leigh day too. We wish you all the luck in your new home!



## We listened to your feedback

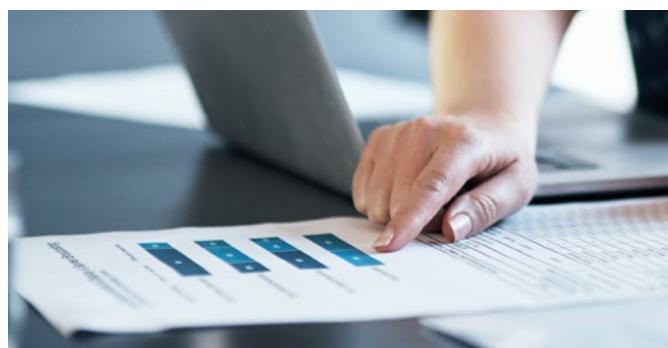
Patient Feedback forms were sent out to our patients as we are always looking to provide the best possible service.

The outcome of the questionnaires were very positive.

- 100% of our patients were very happy with the service provided
- 99% of our patients would recommend our services

- 98% felt that our services could not be improved
- 100% found our staff to be very friendly, helpful and supportive and knowledgeable. 100% of those surveyed had no complaints.

If you have any queries or would like to provide further feedback please contact us at [support@lasag.org.uk](mailto:support@lasag.org.uk)



## The extra mile

Our support manager Jodie Bull, has added to our quality services by going the extra mile and successfully supported a patient and family member by working closely with CCG and social services to help provide some funded care in their own home. The family are really grateful for that extra support as the process can be long winded and drawn out, but due to Jodie's experience and input this was able to happen quite quickly.



## Yvonne's retirement

We would like to say a massive Thank You to Yvonne Miah for all the hard work and support she has given to our patients and their families over the years.

Her service to us has been invaluable and will be missed! Yvonne will be popping into our support groups to pay us a visit and is still supporting the Serpentine Gallery project next year. Enjoy your retirement Yvonne!



# News & events



## Both cups, and funds were raised...

The Leigh Day Lawyers Asbestos Team held a coffee morning to raise funds for London Asbestos Support Awareness Group. Photos shows some members of the team. Harminder Bains and Daniel Easton Joint Heads of the Asbestos Team said "The London Asbestos Support Awareness Group provides essential support to asbestos victims throughout London and the South East. All the team deal with victims of asbestos disease with great sympathy and understanding. They have 30 years of experience with dealing with asbestos victims and cannot praise the work of London Asbestos Support Awareness Group enough. They provide vital support for those affected by asbestos and we are proud to support them".

*Photographs: The team in various locations*



**Leigh Day**  
LAWYERS

## The Dagenham support group are the first to get into the Christmas spirit.

The Dagenham Group kicked off Christmas on 25th November 2021 with Christmas music, a hot buffet and a raffle. We had some great prizes that were kindly donated ranging from a beautiful Body Shop gift by Jade at Pwinny Beautiful, mens and female toiletries donated by Relish Recruitment, an activity book bundle donated by Beth from Counter Culture Games, a beautiful candle donated by Jodie Bull, a voucher for a meal for 2 from Toby Carvery and a huge selection of chocolates and biscuits donated by the partners at Hodge Jones and Allen Solicitors. (pictured with our support worker Jenny).

"Hodge Jones & Allen Solicitors are proud



to work alongside the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group in helping those affected by asbestos diseases. With many decades of experience in assisting asbestos disease sufferers and their families, you are in safe hands with Hodge Jones & Allen's specialist Asbestos Disease Team. We aim to make the

legal process as easy as possible for every client and we will ensure you receive any benefits and compensation you are entitled to. We have been supporting the London Asbestos Support Awareness Group from its inception and we are honoured to work with such an inspiring and caring Group"

WE THANK YOU ALL.

## HODGE JONES & ALLEN

We are also holding Christmas support groups in December in Canterbury, Isle of Sheppey and The Maggie's Centre. We will be joined by Meso UK Nurse Toni Flemming, an amazing singer Nicola Tee and Royal Marsden consultant Michael Davidson, there will be Christmas buffets, cakes, raffles and crocheted blankets from our crochet project.

# The gift of giving



This year we have had our Christmas cards designed by patients and family members. These are available to purchase at your support groups or contact [support@lasag.org.uk](mailto:support@lasag.org.uk) and we can arrange delivery.

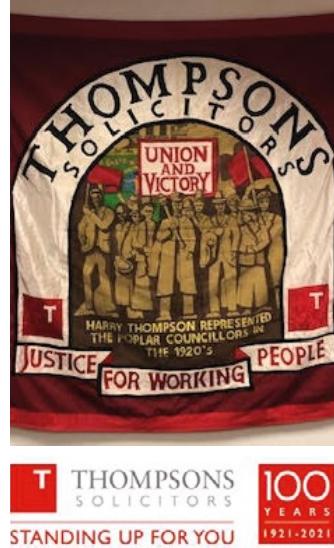
## Clinical news!

NICE has approved antifibrotic drugs such as nintedanib and pirfenidone for use by asbestos patients. Up until recently these drugs were only available privately so it is really good news that they are now available on the NHS. If you think these drugs would help you please contact your GP for more advice and information.

in 1972. Thompsons continues to campaign on behalf of asbestos victims as well as representing victims and their families in legal claims. The firm's London region recently held a celebration of the milestone which was attended by senior regional representatives from a number of organisations the firm works with and a number of MPs.

## Celebrating 100 Years!

We had the privilege of attending the event in London to celebrate 100 years of Thompsons Law. Thompsons Solicitors celebrate their centenary this year. The legal firm, which acts solely for those who have been injured and mistreated, won the first ever successful asbestos related disease case in the House of Lords



## Spreading Christmas cheer – A special thank you

We will be delivering handmade Christmas cupcakes as a massive thank you to those who have supported us throughout the past year which has enabled our charity to continue to support as many sufferers of Mesothelioma and

other asbestos related diseases as possible. The cakes are being handmade by Katie at Cakes 'n' Bakes.



# Give a little...

**As always, we look for ways to help support the charity through fundraising**

We have registered with easyfundraising to help raise money simply by shopping online. By shopping through easyfundraising, your everyday online shopping turns into FREE donations for us. Download the app and shop with over 4,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com and many more. Please register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lasag](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lasag)

We have registered with Just Giving. If you would like to donate via our just giving page visit [www.justgiving.com/lasag](http://www.justgiving.com/lasag)

We have also registered with **amazon smile**. Amazon donates a small amount each time you purchase something using amazon smile.

## Ideas to support us

### Regular Giving

You can choose to give a regular monthly donation In Memory, Regular Giving or Tribute Funds; collections at a funeral or memorial service, setting up a tribute page, or even making a regular gift to mark a special date.

### Leaving a Gift in your Will

Clients sometimes choose to leave a legacy donation to help support more people affected by Mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases.

## Support us today

Visit [www.lasag.org.uk/fundraising](http://www.lasag.org.uk/fundraising) for more ways you can support us

### Bank Payments

London Asbestos Support  
SC: 30-98-90 Acc. No: 18406368

### Card Payments

Secure online donations: [www.lasag.org.uk/donate](http://www.lasag.org.uk/donate)

### Cash / Cheque

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