

In brief

PATIENT SAFETY: West Middlesex University Hospital staff are celebrating after being shortlisted in the patient safety category at the 2015 Health Service Journal awards. Their Heads-up programme, a structured quality and safety briefing, was first rolled out in December 2013 to improve patient care.

MORE TRAINS: London Underground will run 50 per cent more District line services to Richmond to serve the Rugby World Cup semi-finals and final. The additional services will run on October 24, 25 and 31.

POPULAR: A Whitton charity has grown by 700 per cent in the past 20 months, with the addition of its fourth partner school, Heri Junior. Porridge and Rice now feeds 2,000 pupils in the Nairobi slums. Visit porridgeandrice.co.uk.

Girl's condition draws support

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Celebrities and thousands of well-wishers are rallying round a four-year-old girl whose golf-ball sized brain tumour has caused her to lose her eyesight.

Eleanor Stollery started at St Mary's CE Primary School this year and is being taught how to use a cane as the tumour has left her almost completely blind.

Eleanor, who lives in Hampton's Browning Close, was diagnosed with a hypothalamic glioma in January and is undergoing a long journey of chemotherapy to shrink the tumour. The tumour is not expected to go away unless dramatic medical advances are made.

Parents Kelly and Tim, who



Brave: Eleanor Stollery with her parents Kelly and Tim

himself had testicular cancer 10 years ago, began an online blog to spread awareness of the condition and document Eleanor's treatment.

Eleanor's Twitter handle, @ERStollery, now has more than 10,000 followers and she has been offered support from One Direction's Louis Tomlinson and pop star

Ed Sheeran.

Eleanor met Mr Tomlinson at a charity ball at the Natural History Museum in August, and Mr Sheeran recorded a personal message for her ahead of a concert she attended in June. Mr Stollery said his daughter loves being at school and often cannot wait for weekends to end so



she can get back to her classmates.

He said: "She is a comedienne, she loves her singing and is very witty and articulate for her age."

Mr Stollery said optometrists did not think Eleanor's condition was serious and his own experiences caused him to take her to

Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, and he was told she needed to have an MRI scan as soon as possible.

Mr Stollery said he hopes Eleanor's case will spread awareness that anyone could find themselves in this situation. He said: "Sometimes you need to make sure you and the medics are as thorough as possible. Of course there are hypochondriac parents out there, but there are real reasons to push forward and it is because of my own experiences that I had the determination to do that."

He said: "That was horrible for us as we had to see her gassed to sleep and we were overwhelmed with the worry about her potential condition."

Visit headsmart.org.uk about the organisation's Be Tumour Aware campaign.

Mobilising urgent help

Schools, nurseries and business in Richmond have come together to collect warm clothes, winter shoes and bedding for refugees in need.

Richmond Park MP Zac Goldsmith and Cold Feet actress Helen Baxendale lent their support to Samara's Aid Appeal and joined in packing boxes at Marshgate Primary School on Monday, September 21.

Founder of the appeal, Samara Levy, said she started the campaign after being moved to tears when she saw Syrian refugee children on television reports.



Star appeal: actress Helen Baxendale with fellow helpers

Man attacks dog as owner walked pet on common

A dog was attacked by a man on Sheen Common, Richmond police said.

A woman was walking her Staffordshire terrier cross at about 8.10am on Tuesday,

September 15, when it disappeared into the bushes.

When it reappeared in the company of a man, it had been injured "by force".

Police want to speak with

a white man aged between 35 and 40, of medium height with short, balding hair.

He wore a waist length, dark brown trench coat and spoke with a country

accent, according to Richmond police.

Anyone with information is urged to call 101 quoting CAD 3550 of September 17.

Foot fetishist gets ban

A foot fetishist who tricked young women into removing their shoes so he could fondle their feet has been banned from public transport.

Alican Reilly, 21, of Livingstone Street, Southall, first struck on a train from Kew Bridge towards Clapham Junction in October 2010, Blackfriars Crown Court heard on Tuesday, September 22.

Reilly told his victim he liked her boots and asked her to take them off, but she

refused and moved seats nearer a male passenger, the Evening Standard reported. Two teenage girls later approached her and said Reilly had done the same to them.

Reilly struck again in April and May 2014 and persuaded victims, including a 14-year-old girl, to take off their shoes.

He was sentenced by Judge Peter Clark QC to 12 months probation and banned from travelling on public transport unaccompanied for two years.

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