



Recently St George's education team met with arts programme manager, Ruth Sidgwick from North Bristol NHS Trust, to discuss making further links between Southmead and the concert venue, following on from the huge success of James Rhodes visit to the Hospital in 2015.

Initial ideas on our joint wish list include; working with a local primary school to support their music making, offering recitals in the hospital and looking at ways of supporting some of the trusts younger volunteer pianists if they are considering a musical career route. One young pianist has already been treated to free tickets to see James Rhodes perform and the offer of practice sessions on the halls superb Steinway concert grand, when it is not being played by the likes of Paul Lewis and Angela Hewitt!

*"We were so impressed with how generous hospital volunteers are with their time and expertise in supporting patient and staff wellbeing at Southmead we really wanted to do something to show them how much their contribution is valued by the people of Bristol."*

*Catherine Freda – Head of Education, St George's Bristol*

By way of a 'starter' for this new partnership, and as a huge thank you for all they do for our city, St George's has offered all North Bristol NHS Trust Volunteers FREE TICKETS to our Lunchtime Concert series in 2016.

*"WOW!!! That is such a fantastic offer – thank you so much!! We are absolutely thrilled to receive such a generous offer. How very exciting. Huge thanks to you and very best wishes."*

*Ruth Sidgwick - Fresh Arts Programme Manager, North Bristol NHS Trust*