



## **Background to Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity Lottery**

### **Why is Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity running a weekly lottery?**

A lottery is a fun and engaging way for Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity to help raise essential funds for Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity.

### **How is Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity able to run a lottery?**

Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity has joined Unity which runs a fundraising lottery just for charities throughout the UK. People take part in the Unity lottery to support their preferred charity – in this case Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity – and proceeds from their lottery entries go to the charity they have chosen.

### **So how does Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity benefit?**

Each entry is £1 with 50p going straight to Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity as profit. The Charity then uses these profits to finance projects to help Epsom and St Helier hospitals provide extra care to patients and their loved ones.

### **Where does the other 50p go?**

The other 50p is split between the prize pot and Unity's administration costs.

### **Are my entries eligible for Gift Aid?**

Unfortunately, they are not.

### **Who is behind Unity?**

Unity lotteries are administered by Sterling Management Centre, experienced lottery administrators of over 30 years. Unity was developed by Sterling so that charities of all shapes and sizes are able to run their own fundraising lotteries.

## **Taking part**

### **How do I enter the lottery?**

There are no paper tickets. You play weekly by setting up a monthly direct debit or by making payment to play in blocks of 13, 26 or 52 weeks. You can do this online at [www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/lottery](http://www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/lottery) or completing a paper entry form.

### **Why is it £4.34 per month when paying Direct Debit on a monthly basis?**

The monthly cost breakdown of £4.34 for playing the lottery is based on paying £1 per week over a 52 week year. Some months are five weeks and the additional 34p is to build up credit to cover these five-week months.

### **Can I choose my lottery numbers?**

For this lottery you are given unique numbers which are selected randomly. You keep the same numbers for the duration of your membership of the lottery.

### **Can I have more than one entry?**

Yes, up to a maximum of 20 entries each month per person. It also increases support for Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity. For example:

- £2/week = 2 chances to win = £1 goes to Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity
- £3/week = 3 chances to win = £1.50 goes to Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity

### **When do I get my numbers?**

Within 21 days of registration you will receive a confirmation letter with your unique lottery number(s). You will be entered into the draw as long as you have money in your membership account against your lottery number.

### **Why is there a delay between registration and entry into the draw?**

Following registration it is necessary to complete a number of administrative processes to verify your bank details etc.

## **The odds and prizes**

### **What are the odds of winning a prize?**

When you play you are playing with other Unity players, not just people who support Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity. The odds of any Unity player winning ANY prize with Unity is 1 in 63, irrespective of how many players support Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity.

6 digit match: 1 in 1,000,000

5 digit match: 1 in 18,518

4 digit match: 1 in 823

3 digit match: 1 in 69

According to [www.lottoland.co.uk](http://www.lottoland.co.uk) the chance of winning the National Lottery jackpot is 1 in 45,057,474.

### **What can I win?**

The Unity lottery prize structure is based on a 6 digit number match, in the correct sequence, as follows:

3 digit match = 5 entries into the next draw

4 digit match = £25

5 digit match = £1,000

6 digit match = £25,000

### **When is the draw?**

Every Friday

### **Can I check the winning numbers?**

Yes at [www.unitylottery.co.uk/results](http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/results)

### **How will I know if I win a prize?**

Once the draw has taken place, winners are notified by post, and the winning number is published on the Unity website. If you are a winner, you will automatically be sent your winning cheque - there's no need for you to claim.

### **How long can I play for?**

You can play for as long as you wish as long as there is money in your lottery membership account.

## Lottery rules and legal requirements

### **How old do I have to be?**

You must be aged 16 or over to enter the lottery.

### **What are the lottery rules?**

The lottery rules are available at [www.unitylottery.co.uk/rules](http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/rules). The purpose of these rules is to ensure you are informed about the terms of playing our lottery, and to promote responsible gambling.

### **Is the lottery legal?**

Yes, it is operated in compliance with all Gambling Commission (the UK regulatory body concerned with lotteries) requirements and the lottery is administered by a certified External Lottery Manager. For further information please see rules page on [www.unitylottery.co.uk/rules](http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/rules).

### **Does Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity have a license?**

The Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity holds lottery licenses with both Sutton Council and Epsom Council

### **Who owns my data?**

All the data gathered from your members belongs to Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity and you can request access at any time to this data. You can choose how you allow your Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity to communicate with you. Unity will only ever send you details about your lottery membership – it will never be marketing materials or anything else.

## Responsible Gambling

Responsible gambling means staying in control of how much time and money we spend on gambling. Responsible gambling means not spending more money or time than we can reasonably afford on gambling activities, keeping in mind all our other responsibilities in life. If you need some advice on the effects of gambling, contact the Gamble Aware confidential helpline on 0808 8020 133 or visit their website [www.gambleaware.co.uk](http://www.gambleaware.co.uk) for further information.

## Other queries and information

For all other queries such as how to change your address or name, lost numbers or wanting to cancel your membership contact:

### **Epsom and St Helier Hospitals Charity**

[Esth.charity@nhs.net](mailto:Esth.charity@nhs.net) or 01372 735 5262

### **Unity Lottery Helpline**

0370 050 9240 (Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm)

Or fill in a contact form at [www.unitylottery.co.uk/contact](http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/contact)