

E-News bulletin for Foundation Trust members and our communities

Focus on...

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Together, putting patients first

New £3m research centre moves a step closer



A new Yorkshire centre which will improve the health and wellbeing of children and the elderly, as well as the safety of patients in hospitals and clinics, has taken another step forward with the submission of building plans for approval. The Wolfson Centre for Applied Healthcare, to be established at Bradford Royal Infirmary, brings together.

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Welcome to our new Foundation Trust membership bulletin

Our new membership bulletin has been developed in response to our communications survey. Our staff, our public and patient members and our Governors took part and provided valuable feedback. Based on what was said we will include in our regular bulletins:

- News in brief from our Foundation Trust
- Updates from our quarterly Council of Governors meetings
- Dates for your diary
- Opportunities to get involved
- Signposting to key developments in the NHS (local and national)

Focus on... Our Board of Directors and our Council of Governors



Professor Bill McCarthy is the Chairman of our Board of Directors and our Council of Governors. To find out how we make decisions and for a who's who of our Board of Directors and Council of Governors

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Our new Website



From our communications survey we received some very clear feedback about our website. That feedback has been used to inform our redesign of our website.



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News in Brief...

Skin doctors seek new treatment for psoriasis

Dermatology specialists at Bradford Teaching Hospitals are hoping to find new ways to treat patients with early stage psoriasis. Psoriasis is a skin condition that causes red, flaky, crusty patches of skin covered with silvery scales. It affects around two per cent of people in the UK and can start at any age, but most often develops in adults under 35 years old. The condition affects men and women equally and the severity of psoriasis varies greatly from person to person. For some people it's just a minor irritation, but for others it can have a major impact on their quality of life.

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Join in with our NHS 70th anniversary celebrations!

The NHS turns 70 on 5 July this year, offering the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of the nation's most loved institutions and to appreciate the vital role the service plays in our lives. A lot has changed since 1948, from the first mass vaccination programmes of the 1950s and the birth of district hospitals in the 1960s, to today's sophisticated technology, increased care in the community and the development of coordinated care across organisational boundaries. As part of the celebrations, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is marking this historic occasion with photo displays in the main foyer at Bradford Royal Infirmary capturing



the local NHS over the past seven decades. There'll also be displays of key medical achievements and advancements through the years which have put Bradford on the map.

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Red bag scheme will ease pathway from care home to hospital

The Red Bag Pathway, a pilot scheme to improve the care of vulnerable people, has been launched across the Bradford and Craven districts. More than 100 health and social care providers have signed up to the scheme to ensure personal information and possessions remain close to a person if they're admitted to hospital.

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Fellowship for Bradford surgeon

A Bradford doctor has been presented with a Fellowship (without examination) in recognition of his contribution to educating the breast surgeons of the future. Rick Linforth, 49, has worked at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as a consultant oncoplastic breast and reconstructive surgeon since 2006. He was presented with his award at Manchester Town Hall by the president of the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) England, Professor Derek Alderson.

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Makeover for birthplace of Bradford babies

One of Bradford's best known hospital buildings – the Women's and Newborn Unit at Bradford Royal Infirmary, is getting a much-needed £1.8 million makeover. The five-storey building on Smith Lane is being transformed to

improve facilities for patients, thanks to the investment by Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The unit, where over 200,000 babies have been born since it was built more than half a century ago, is in need of a revamp

to improve patient comfort, make it more energy efficient and give it an attractive new look.

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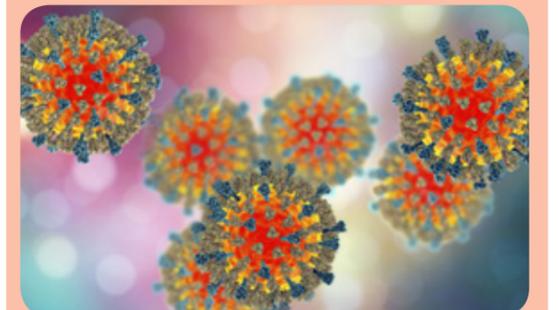
CQC highlights 'well-led' services and 'positive improvement' at Bradford Teaching Hospitals



Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been told it is a 'well-led' organisation after a visit by inspectors. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) also found that care was 'patient centred and compassionate' at the Trust's hospitals which include Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI) and St Luke's Hospital. The report highlights many areas of 'outstanding practice'.

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Measles is spreading in Bradford – protect yourself and others



Measles is spreading in Bradford. The illness is extremely infectious. If you think you have symptoms of measles, please stay away from A&E departments and GP surgeries – you could spread the illness to others. Phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice.

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News in Brief...



First birthday of our new Macula Centre approaches

The first birthday of our new state-of-the-art Macula Centre is fast approaching.

The centre, based on Trinity Road, Bradford, near to St. Luke's Hospital, offers the very latest in imaging technology and features the most sophisticated scanning equipment capable of detecting a number of eye conditions. Since its opening in September last year it is playing a leading role in eye health in the city.

The new Macula Centre means that patients with suspected wet macular degeneration (a condition that causes the loss of central vision, usually in both eyes) will be seen and treated for this condition more quickly, improving the success of

the treatment. They can be referred directly to the Bradford Macula Centre by their opticians via a fast-track referral system.

Formerly the Trust's macular service was based in the pain management clinic in the grounds of St Luke's Hospital.

Two long-serving patients of the Trust's macula service, Mr Levi Hall and Mrs Margaret Topham, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the opening of the centre, which was also attended by representatives from Bayer Pharmaceuticals, who have funded a new Optical Coherence Tomography scanner for the unit.

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Duo's patchwork quilts will help protect premature babies

Premature babies and their parents at Bradford Royal Infirmary are taking advantage of some fabulous patchwork quilts which have been generously made with love in every stitch. Medical secretary, Kathryn Wilkinson, and her friend, Brenda Stimpson started making the blankets to keep the babies warm after seeing the idea on social media nine months ago. Kathryn, from Thackley, who has worked at Bradford Royal Infirmary for 43 years, is a keen knitter and quilter in her spare time.

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Bradford patient is first to receive pioneering stroke treatment

A former labourer who thought he was dying is now on the road to recovery thanks to a pioneering procedure which has just become available to Bradford patients. Brendan Wainwright, 54, from Silsden, was rushed to Bradford Royal Infirmary's Accident and Emergency department on Monday 4 June after experiencing a life-threatening stroke.

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Respiratory team hits research jackpot

The respiratory research team at Bradford Teaching Hospitals has hit the jackpot after recruiting patients in two pioneering medical trials. Thanks to a renowned international reputation in respiratory medicine, pharmaceutical giant GSK has chosen the Bradford Institute for Health Research (BIHR) to be the first unit worldwide to test its new vaccine for COPD patients. The multi-centre trial aims to assess whether the vaccine offers protection against a bacteria which commonly causes a worsening in the condition of patients with COPD.

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New CT scanner installed at Bradford Royal Infirmary



Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has a new star of the show in its diagnostics service with the arrival of a brand new CT scanner in radiology. Now installed and working in the CT scanning suite at Bradford Royal Infirmary after its long journey from Japan, via the Netherlands, the new £700,000 scanner has replaced the elder of the hospital's scanners which had given 12 years' service to the Trust.

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Bradford Hospitals wins top award for trail-blazing employment project



A Bradford hospital team has scooped a top accolade for its trail-blazing work with young people with learning difficulties. The team at Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI), part of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, has been recognised in the Healthcare People Management Association (HPMA) Awards 2018.

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Focus on...

Round up of key reports and news informing the NHS landscape

Healthwatch England Update: The Healthwatch network heard from 341,000 people, carers and staff during the last year about what they think of health and social care services. This document is available at www.healthwatch.co.uk/resource/our-annual-report-201617



Annual State of Care Report: Recently published report from the Care Quality Commission is available here www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/most-people-are-getting-good-safe-care-future-quality-precarious



NHS planning for 2018/19: The board report from NHS England which sets out the five principles that NHS England will adhere to in their discussions with the Government and arm's length bodies over the next few months. www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/04-pb-30-11-2017-nhs-planning-for-2018-19.pdf



Making sense of accountable care The King's Fund has published a report giving an overview of accountable care systems and explains how new care models fit into the landscape of health and care transformation. In the report 'Making sense of accountable care', Chris Ham, Chief Executive of the King's Fund, answers many key questions about accountable care such as what it is and how it is being implemented. www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/making-sense-accountable-care



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No Hospital is an Island This new publication from NHS England covers the learning from 13 acute care collaborations that were established in September 2015 as part of the new care models programme. It highlights six common strategies that have emerged including the way clinical practices are being standardised, how vanguards are making better use of clinical support services, and how the skills of healthcare professionals are being used more creatively and flexibly. You can access the report at www.england.nhs.uk/publication/no-hospital-is-an-island-learning-from-the-acute-care-collaboratives/



Left to chance: the health and care nursing workforce supply in England On 5 February 2018 the Royal College of Nursing published a new report which is focussed on the challenges facing the health and care workforce. The RCN says that urgent action is needed to prevent the staffing crisis from getting even worse. You can access the report at www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/news/tackle-falling-nursing-applications-now-urges-rcn



Kirkup Review into Liverpool Community Health The independent review was commissioned by NHS Improvement (NHSI) following concerns raised about care delivered at Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust (LCH) from November 2010 to December 2014. The review conducted by Dr Bill Kirkup CBE, commissioned by NHS Improvement, looks into the issues at Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust from November 2010 to December 2014. It also looks at the oversight of the trust by the NHS Trust Development Authority, NHS England and commissioners. The report is available here <https://improvement.nhs.uk/news-alerts/independent-review-liverpool-community-health-nhs-trust-published/>



Focus on...

Dates for your diary

ALL WELCOME

Thursday 5 July 2018
The NHS - past, present and future
 5pm to 5.45pm
Annual General Meeting and Annual Members Meeting
 6.15 pm to 7.15pm

Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Field House, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 6RJ

The NHS: past, present and future

Baroness Thornton is keynote speaker at our NHS70 celebrations



We have a special guest speaker to help us mark the 70th anniversary of the NHS on 5 July – **Baroness Glenys Thornton**.

Baroness Thornton is the opposition spokesman on health in the House of Lords and will be giving a keynote address in the Sovereign Lecture Theatre at Bradford Royal Infirmary, on the topic of 'NHS: past, present and future'.

This will be a great opportunity to hear Baroness Thornton, who was raised in Bradford, talk about our great institution, the NHS.

Baroness Thornton will give her speech at 5pm on Thursday 5 July and then take part in a Q&A panel session with Helen Hirst, Chief

Officer for the Bradford District and Craven CCGs, and our Trust Chief Executive, Professor Clive Kay.

You can book your places by email to membership@bthft.nhs.uk or by telephone on 01274 364794

- Light buffet and refreshments available from 5.45pm to 6.15pm
- Free parking permits are available to enable you to attend the NHS, past present and future and/or our AGM/AMM. Please arrange when you book for the above events.

Council of Governors and Board of Directors meetings

Council of Governors meetings and Board of Directors meetings are all held in public and anyone is able to attend. Please do come along so you can see the range of issues discussed and also have the opportunity to hear some key presentations on developments at our Trust. At these meetings you can see how our Foundation Trust's strategic direction is shaped and its delivery monitored. For a round up of Governor activity see the Chairman's reports to the Board of Directors and to the Council of Governors at the links for the meetings opposite.

Board of Directors Meetings 2018

All meetings are held in the Conference Room, Field House, Bradford Royal Infirmary.

Next meetings

- Thursday 12 July 2018 9.30am to 11.45am
- Thursday 13 Sept 2018, 9.30am to 11.45am
- Thursday 8 Nov 2018, 9.30am to 11.45am

The meeting times may be subject to change. Please check the website nearer the date for the confirmed start time.

Council of Governor Meetings 2018

Next meetings

- Thursday 19 July 2018, Lecture Theatre, Listening for Life Centre, BRI. 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Tuesday 16 Oct 2018, Conference Room, Field House, BRI. 3.30pm to 5.30pm

For all board and governor meetings click here

Focus on... Getting involved with our Hospitals



Volunteering

We have an active volunteering community which continues to grow significantly. There are currently over 500 people who give their time freely to help patients, staff and visitors. We welcome volunteers from all abilities, backgrounds, cultures and beliefs.

Visit www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/about/staff/volunteer

The web pages are intended to provide you with as much information as possible about the volunteering opportunities available at BTHFT and guidance on how to apply.

Chaplaincy Volunteers

The Chaplaincy Service at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is multi-faith, consisting of seven chaplains representing all major religions in the city, who provide pastoral healthcare for those of religious belief and those of no faith. It is

seen as an integral part of the patient experience, contributing to a patient's holistic wellbeing. If you are interested in becoming a chaplaincy volunteer, please contact Dawn Arnison on 01274-365819 or email dawn.arnison@bthft.nhs.uk.



Bradford Hospitals' Charity

Bradford Hospitals' Charity is the official NHS charity to Bradford Teaching Hospitals and supports:

- Bradford Royal Infirmary
- St Luke's Hospital
- Eccleshill Hospital
- Westbourne Green Hospital
- Westwood Park Hospital
- Shipley Hospital

From providing vital equipment to paying for research into life-saving treatment, fundraising plays a key role in enhancing the lives of our patients at every one of our hospitals. Our mission is simple: to support the excellence in treatment, care and research we provide to our patients each and every day. The support and generosity of people like you – individuals, companies, organisations and community groups – helps us go some way to achieving this; but there is always more to be done and as a charity we are

always striving for the very best for our patients.

To find out more about our charity and the ways in which you can get involved to support any of our hospitals, please see the Bradford Hospitals' Charity website. Let's see what we can do together.

Contact the charity team at: 01274 274809 or email: charity@bthft.nhs.uk

Join our new Involvement Hub!

Lots of people with expert knowledge work in the NHS. But we need to hear from the people who are our patients, or who have been patients, and their families and carers. We are looking for people to help in lots of different ways such as

- **Producing better patient information**
- **Planning new services**
- **Checking choice and quality of patient food**
- **Doing assessments of our buildings and facilities**

- **Supporting our researchers**
- **Making connections with local communities**

If you would like to find out more, or to join the Involvement Hub email get involved@bthft.nhs.uk or telephone: 01274 383863.