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Newborn hearing programme 'among nation's best'

Bradford's newborn hearing screening programme has been recognised nationally for the high standard of care it delivers to babies with suspected hearing loss and their parents. The service at Bradford Royal Infirmary, part of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, has been named by Public Health England as one of only a handful of sites nationally that have consistently met and exceeded the standard for time taken to see a hearing specialist from the audiology service after referral from the screen.

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Unicef first for pioneering Bradford Neonatal team

The Trust's dedicated Neonatal team has been honoured by Unicef for its pioneering work. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, based at Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI), part of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, has become the first intensive care unit (level 3) in the UK to achieve the 'Baby Friendly Initiative' accreditation, set up by children's charity Unicef and the World Health Organisation.

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BTHFT maternity worker scoops national award

An NHS maternity worker who supports some of the most vulnerable new mums in the district has scooped a national award for her passion and commitment to her job. Lucy Downing, who works in the community maternity team at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, was named Maternity Support Worker of the Year in the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) Annual Midwifery Awards. She beat a host of nominees to reach a shortlist of four; then went on to scoop the top prize, for her work with new mums in some of the most deprived areas of Bradford.

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The gender pay gap at Bradford Teaching Hospitals

Following government consultation, it became mandatory on March 31, 2017 for public sector organisations with more than 250 employees to report annually on their gender pay gap (GPG). Our GPG is comparable to the wider economy, however, over the coming months we will be looking at measures we can take to reduce the gap. We will do this through a programme of initiatives designed to develop everyone in our hospitals, whatever their role or pay band.

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This monthly bulletin aims to keep local GPs up to date with the trust's new services and developments. If you'd like any further information about any of the items in this month's briefing contact Naveed Saddique on 01274 272635, email gp.comments@bthft.nhs.uk