

**GP Bulletin – October 2018****Make a difference to your local NHS trust by becoming a governor**

Bradford Teaching Hospitals is seeking public and patient governors to sit on the foundation trust's council. This is an exciting opportunity to represent the interests of our service users, local communities and foundation trust members.

We are seeking to fill three seats in the public constituencies of Bradford West, Shipley, and the public membership constituency of the 'rest of England and Wales' for people with an interest in our hospitals who live outside the district.

If you would like further information and a nomination form, please contact Ciara Norris on [ciara.norris@electoralreform.co.uk](mailto:ciara.norris@electoralreform.co.uk) or 020 8365 8909.

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**National win for our Emergency Department**

We're thrilled to share with you the news that our Emergency Department (ED) team has won a national award for its work on improving the care of deteriorating patients.

David Robinson, Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Director of Education, collected the Patient Safety Learning Award at the King's Fund in London on behalf of the whole department. The department was awarded the accolade in recognition of its quality improvement work in spotting the signs of a deteriorating patient in ED, and making sure timely escalation and treatment happens. This is so patients get speedy attention and ultimately more lives are saved.

David said the whole team had got behind the initiative, which is part of our wider deteriorating patient collaborative project, and the results had been excellent. In particular the judges were impressed with the frontline changes that were implemented in response to previous incidents, and the monthly in-situ simulation training sessions which are used to share learning across the whole department.

This is a true team effort which shows just what can be achieved when we work together to improve patient care.

**Neonatal team deliver UK 'baby friendly' first**

Our dedicated Neonatal team were the centre of media attention this month when Lord Mayor, Zafar Ali, presented them with their award for being the first in the UK to achieve Unicef's "Baby Friendly Initiative" accreditation. Their inspiring work saw them achieve the gold standard of care by providing practical and effective support to mothers and their vulnerable babies in helping them build close and loving relationships. Councillor Ali was the star guest at a special reception and ceremony which took place on Tuesday 2nd October at the BRI's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit which was also attended by Chief Nurse, Karen Dawber and Deputy Chief Nurse, Sally Scales.

Consultant Neonatologist and Speciality Lead, Sunita Seal said: "This prestigious award is testimony to all our staff who work tirelessly on the unit to provide such high quality care to parents and their

babies. The ‘Baby Friendly Initiative’ is a nationally recognised mark of quality care for babies and mothers and we are proud to be the first in the UK to receive this recognition.”

Accreditation is based on a set of interlinking evidence-based standards, and the programme is recognised and recommended in numerous government and policy documents across the UK, including the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance.

Media coverage began on BBC Radio Leeds’ Richard Stead Breakfast Show, while BBC Look North broadcast news stories throughout the day. More than 50 members of staff along with former patients and their mums and dads turned up to celebrate Neonatal Matron, Kelly Young, added: “This is a brilliant day. It’s the culmination of a huge amount of effort from our steering group and staff over the last three years and it’s great to see everyone here celebrating our good news.” Mum Karen McLeod, who attended the celebration with her 14-month-old daughter, Isabelle, who was born prematurely at 25 weeks, said: “It’s massively deserved. We couldn’t appreciate the staff more.”

### **Command Centre implementation plan continues to progress**

As reported by the [Huffington Post](#), Bradford Teaching Hospitals is on target to become the first hospital in Europe to host a Command Centre to improve the patient flow and experience. As we shared with you last month, we’re working in collaboration with GE to accelerate our progress towards operational excellence.

And spearheading this work is the design and build of a Command Centre, which is like an air traffic control system for a hospital. Using artificial intelligence (AI), the Command Centre will provide a clear, instant and real-time overview across the hospital and help us make quick and informed decisions on how best to manage patient care.

Up to 20 colleagues based in the centre will monitor a “wall of analytics” that constantly pulls in streams of real-time data from our multiple systems. Our Chief Operating Officer, Sandra Shannon, stated she was absolutely confident the centre would improve care for our patients and across the whole local healthcare system – helping us to make the right decisions at the right time.

“There’s a real buzz among staff about this,” said Sandra. “Everyone’s keen to know what it means for the hospital and for them. There’s real interest out there, which is great.” A series of digital “tiles” will be developed to give us the exact information we need to improve patient flow and enable better allocation of resources. The first tile will be live in January 2019, with a new one coming monthly until we have a full suite of eight.

We’re aiming to have a brand new home for the Command Centre in BRI by March next year.