

## GP Bulletin – February 2019

### **Bradford Teaching Hospitals' Chief Executive to leave post at end of March**

The Chief Executive of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Clive Kay, is to leave his post at the end of March to take up a new NHS role in London. Dr Kay has been appointed Chief Executive of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The Board of Bradford Teaching Hospitals has agreed that John Holden, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Strategy and Integration, will become Acting Chief Executive from April 1.

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### **Bradford Institute of Health Research is a top three recruiter in Yorkshire**

We're delighted to inform you that our research colleagues at Bradford Institute for Health Research (BIHR) are celebrating success this month. We are one of only three trusts in the Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Research Network who are meeting – and indeed exceeding – the 80 per cent Recruitment to Time and Target (RTT) of enrolling patients into commercial clinical research trials.

Our Director of BIHR, Professor John Wright, explains: "These results show how well we are doing at trial recruitment – it's also impressive that we have so many projects running, especially when you consider the smaller hospitals have only one or two on the go. It's tough recruiting to new research studies in busy clinical settings, so all credit to the hard work of the team, including its clinicians, nurses and researchers, but most of all our fantastic patients."

### **Organ donors in Bradford on the rise but call made for more to register**

More than 152,000 people are now registered organ donors in Bradford, a rise of a third on seven years ago. The new figures show how the number of donors in the district has jumped from 116,325 to 152,345 – an increase of 31 per cent over the period. However, despite the increase in those wishing to become organ donors after their death, more people are still needed to join the Organ Donor Register. Patients can be encouraged to join the NHS Organ Donor Register by visiting [www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk).

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### **Glasses for Classes pupil programme aims to improve maths and literacy**

A new trial will aim to get glasses to four- and five-year olds who need them in order to improve their maths and reading skills, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) announced today. Pupils in 100 schools will take part in a trial of Glasses for Classes, a

programme developed by a team at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the University of Leeds.

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## **Direct acting anti-viral treatment for Hepatitis C patients now available**

The Viral Hepatitis Service in Bradford Teaching Hospitals is pleased to announce we now have the new oral direct acting anti-viral (DAA) regimes to treat Hepatitis C (HCV). Your practice may have thirty or more Hepatitis C (HCV) patients (prevalence of HCV 1%) who can be treated with direct acting anti-viral tablets which are highly effective with excellent cure rates, are quick acting, only need to be taken between 8 and twelve weeks and are free.

In 2016 NHS England signed the World Health Organisation's Global Health Sector Strategy on Viral Hepatitis C to reduce the incidence of chronic HCV by 80% by 2030 at the latest. Untreated HCV causes cirrhosis with all its complications and liver cancer.

Public Health England (PHE) has launched a national re-engagement exercise and we have identified the patients who still have HCV and will need treatment. As such, we will shortly be sending letters to GPs requesting referrals as per the PHE guidelines.

Our waiting time for HCV treatment is less than 4 weeks.

Please access the [PHE Hepatitis C report](#) 2018 for further information.