

GP Bulletin – July 2019

Pennine Breast Screening Service goes digital

We are delighted to tell you that our Pennine Breast Screening Service (PBS) team is the first unit in the country to go truly digital – meaning patients should get their results quicker. It's thanks to the implementation of a new wireless system called "Paper Lite". From the end of this month, all four of the service's mobile screening vans, operating from the likes of supermarket car parks, will be able to connect patient information directly to the main hospital network.

The service operates from St Luke's Hospital and serves a population of 199,000 women and covers Airedale, Bradford, Calderdale, Dewsbury, Kirklees and Huddersfield. In 2018/19 it screened 45,401 patients. Principal Superintendent Radiographer Breast Imaging, Leah Richardson, explains: "Despite the digitalisation of mammography equipment across the NHS some years ago, as with all other Trusts with mobile screening vans, we have continued to transport paper client sheets and daily appointment lists on external hard drives, to and from our mobile screening vans back to our service base at St Luke's Hospital at the end of each day. Now, with the addition of this new digital technology, the vans can securely connect directly to the IT systems within our hospitals. This means we can access individual screening records electronically and see the images immediately the next day after the information gets downloaded from the vans at the end of each session. As a result our turnaround times for reading scans have halved to 24 hours and our accuracy has improved."

The instigation of Paper Lite has also ensured that our mobile screening vans' radiographers and assistant practitioners now have immediate access to a patient's full screening history, and be able to access this information at the touch of a button. Staff on the vans can now also update patient data remotely and accurately record clinical information at the time of screening, while colleagues in administration no longer need to transcribe handwritten notes, or spend time uploading images from hard drives to PACS.

This work is part of the NHS's wider commitment to digitally transform the way we work with all of our patients, improving the information we provide and empowering the public to take charge of their own health and care. Sarah Alexander, PBS Deputy Superintendent Mammography Manager, added: "We are paperless in our vans and our courier costs have been removed. Colleagues love the new DEOS system and our film readers and radiologists are keen to report the screening films without paper." Congratulations to all of the Pennine team involved in this major breakthrough as we continue to strive for paperless working. It has been achieved through hard work, support from our IT service, and a commitment to succeed.

Bradford part of new research fund to tackle biggest health challenges

Health Minister Nicola Blackwood has announced fifteen partnerships or Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs) – including one hosted in Bradford – with multi-million pound funding for research that could transform the lives of millions of people living with a range of conditions, including dementia, mental ill health and obesity.

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Born in Bradford programme one of five national ‘obesity trailblazers’

An innovative three-year Living Well programme, looking at the role of faith organisations in tackling childhood obesity across the Bradford district, has been selected as one of the Government’s five trailblazer programmes. The Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme offers bespoke support to local authorities so they can take action to encourage behaviour changes and share their learning with other areas.

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Multiple awards won as BTHFT continues to demonstrate its commitment to providing high quality care

We are pleased to announce that BTHFT’s continued focus on delivering our commitment to patients through the provision of high quality care has resulted in the trust winning two awards in July 2019. BTHFT won the Patient Safety Innovation of the Year at the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Patient Safety Awards and at the Digital Health Awards our Informatics Department were awarded with a Team of the Year award.

We aim to use technology to its fullest to provide excellent patient care and to do this we need highly skilled people to deliver our strategy across multiple sites, teams and domains while ensuring a seamless service for our patients, staff and partners. We’re fortunate to have a fantastic Informatics department who have enabled the trust to achieve numerous levels of transformation through technological implementations. One of its most significant and recent achievements were the implementation of the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) enabling the trust to bring patient’s key clinical and administrative data together in one place. The team also worked collaboratively with GE Healthcare in implementing the first Command Centre in Europe which is an AI-powered system helps to decrease length of stay, alleviate the need for additional wards and beds – especially during peak winter times – and reduce cancellations for non-emergency surgery. Both EPR and the Command Centre led to BTHFT starting from a low level of digital maturity to HIMSS validating us at Stage 5 of its international accreditation scheme of best practice of which all Trusts in Europe, including the UK, average a 1.5.

Our second award was at the HSJ Patient Safety Awards in which we won in Patient Safety Innovation of the Year category for Sketchnotes and Pictorials in Healthcare. Sketchnotes have now been effectively used in multiple areas for staff, patients and families with fantastic feedback to enhance the way we communicate and send important messages relating to healthcare, hospital stays and on improving wellbeing. The pictorials help focus on key points and make information more memorable, relax, reflect and help express ourselves and use our imagination through brainstorming and free thinking to completely shift improvement approaches.