

GP Bulletin – November 2019

Bradford Teaching Hospitals welcomes new Chief Executive Mel Pickup

A new Chief Executive has taken the helm at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI) and St Luke's Hospital. As well as being the Trust's Chief Executive, Mel Pickup is also the new Partnership Lead for the Bradford Health and Care Partnership. Mel takes over from John Holden, who has been Acting Chief Executive since Professor Clive Kay left the Trust at the end of March this year.

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Specialist Service for Teenage Pregnancy

Maternity services offer a specialist service for teenage pregnancy – the service is primarily offered to young persons aged 16 and under, but is extended to under 19s where there are additional complex needs including safeguarding and mental health.

In the last 12 months, the service has been successful in offering 100% continuity of care during the antenatal period via a named midwife which really enables a close relationship to develop and aims to improve disclosure of any worries and concerns that the young person may have. The service also offers longer appointment times, home visits, 1-2-1 parent education and social support.

The service also extends to the postnatal period where it has been successful in offering the same continuity of midwife for more than 90% of the caseload, extended postnatal care up to 6 weeks is also offered where appropriate.

GP's can refer young people to this service through the normal route and can highlight if the teen service should be considered based on the above criteria. Young people intending to birth at AGH are seen by AGH maternity services but receive the specialist teenage services for additional support. Young people intending to birth at BTHFT are seen by the specialist teen service for both maternity care and support.

The specialist teen service can be contacted on 07813814545 – this number can be given out to the public. WhatsApp and texts, as well as calls are appropriate. If any

GP practice would be interested to hear more then please invite the service to come and present the latest data relating to key indicators including postcode, ethnicity, smoking status, safeguarding, infant feeding practices etc related to teenage pregnancy caseloads. Please contact Samantha.britton@bthft.nhs.uk or telephone Sam on the above number.

Bradford Teaching Hospitals set to transform care with Command Centre

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is set to transform care with its new Command Centre – reducing waiting times and making the experience of being in hospital smoother, faster and more efficient for patients. The Command Centre at Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI) was officially opened on Tuesday, 12 November, by Sarah Wilkinson, Chief Executive of NHS Digital – the national information partner to the health and social care system.

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Telehealth breakthrough brings hospital examinations into the home

Our latest digital health innovation is poised to break new ground in the way we care for young patients in the comfort of their own home. We have become the first provider in the NHS to trial TytoCare, an all-in-one telehealth device that enables us to carry out on-demand examinations and diagnoses remotely.

The pilot project is being spearheaded by our award-winning Ambulatory Care Experience (ACE) team, which cares for unwell children at home and prevents unnecessary admissions to our hospitals. The hand-held monitor and linked app incorporate the technology to perform comprehensive and clinical grade physical examinations of the heart, lungs, skin, ears, throat and abdomen. It can also measure body temperature and heart rate.

During a virtual consultation, a team member guides the child's family in how to use the TytoCare device to capture all visual and audio clinical data we require. The clinician can also link to local pharmacies using TytoCare to order a prescription,

meaning that the child or young person can be managed entirely in their own home. “This partnership between TytoCare and ACE brings together two healthcare leaders,” said Cindy Fedell, our Chief Digital and Information Officer. “This ‘digital-first’ approach to care, where we put health in the hands and homes of patients, is a lynchpin of the NHS’s long-term telehealth plan.”

Dedi Gilad, CEO and Co-Founder of TytoCare said: “We are proud to partner with Bradford Teaching Hospitals to implement our telehealth solution and make an impact on a community that will benefit enormously from remote care. “It was created with children and families in mind to deliver convenient and accessible medical care without compromising quality, all from the comfort of home. We’re looking forward to enhancing the incredible work Bradford and the ACE team are doing with existing at-home care.”

Having secured US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance in 2016, the technology is already being used by leading health systems across the United States and Israel, triggering worldwide interest. We are the first to trial the technology since it attained CE Mark approval for use in Europe earlier this year. The three-month pilot with TytoCare will be evaluated by the Bradford team next year to assess its benefits to the cohort, and its potential for expansion to other patient groups.

Improving the patient experience – introducing the hospital’s Butterfly Room a sanctuary for families of life-limited children

A special room which will act as a sanctuary for the families of babies with life-limiting conditions opened on Tuesday, 12 November. The Butterfly Pathway family room is a new addition to the Women’s and Newborn Unit at Bradford Royal Infirmary, part of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Former office space has been transformed by being painted in soothing colours and decorated with soft furnishings, pictures and furniture as part of the new Trust pathway, which supports new mums and their families following diagnosis of a life-limiting condition in their baby.

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