

## Membership e-Newsletter Winter 2021/22

We are now heading towards the two-year anniversary of experiencing COVID-19 since the first cases were reported world-wide. Unfortunately, we are still very much living with the pandemic and caring for a high number of patients with the virus. Our Board of Directors remain committed to taking all possible steps to keep our hospitals, patients, visitors, and staff safe.

We are now heading into the winter period, and I am sure that many of you will have followed the news about the winter pressures facing the NHS this year. There is the expected resurgence of respiratory viruses as well as the ongoing pandemic. I would like to add my voice to those encouraging all our communities to get their COVID vaccine booster jabs and flu jabs when called.

There are reasons to be hopeful. I am constantly impressed by the commitment and resilience of our staff who have been innovating, adapting, and adopting new practices to meet the challenge of COVID. Please do read about some of our most remarkable initiatives in our 'Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic' report available [here](#)



You can also visit our website to find out how our Trust has been 'Caring through COVID' providing fascinating insights since the start of the pandemic through our COVID-19 news archive and timeline. You can visit these pages [here](#)

Much of this newsletter focuses on our virtual AGM/AMM 2021 which took place in October. Key information is also provided about our Bradford Hospitals' Charity which we hope you will also share far and wide. There's news of our forthcoming governor elections, and an update on key matters that our Council and our Boards have been addressing over the last few months.

Have you seen any of Mel's weekly news roundups? These are weekly updates available on our [YouTube channel](#). Our Chief Executive, Professor Mel Pickup, provides on-the-ground reports on how our hospitals continue to manage the effects of the pandemic and how work towards improving our services. Most importantly, these reports feature many of the great innovations and successes happening right across the Trust, and the fantastic people behind them.

Our last Council of Governors meeting took place on 21 October and our last Board of Directors on 23 September. You can watch these meetings on our [YouTube channel](#).

The most up-to-date information for visitors to our hospitals can be found [here](#).

All our Trust news can be found [here](#) and if you specifically want to find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination programme for our area, then please click [here](#).

I hope you find the above, and the following, useful and would ask that you share this newsletter with people you know. If you would like to get in touch with either myself or our Governors, then we would be pleased to hear from you. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

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## 1. Joint Annual General Meeting and Annual Members Meeting 2021

Our 2021 virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) went live on 12 October 2021. A comprehensive suite of videos provides reflections on 2020/21, which has been a year like no other in the history of the NHS. You can find out more about the work of our Trust, our challenges and achievements including how we have run our services during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can also hear about our plans for the year ahead.

## Our year 2020/21

### Welcome

Dr Max Mclean, Chairman



### Annual Report 2020/21

Professor Mel Pickup, Chief Executive



### Our Annual Accounts 2020/21

Mr Matthew Horner, Director of Finance



### Our Governors and Membership

Mr David Wilmshurst, Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors



There are presentations on the Annual Report from Chief Executive, Professor Mel Pickup and on the Annual Accounts from Director of Finance, Matthew Horner. Public Governor and Vice-Chair of the Trust's Council of Governors, David Wilmshurst, delivers the Governors' and Membership Report, with input from some of our Governors.

## Our Council of Governors

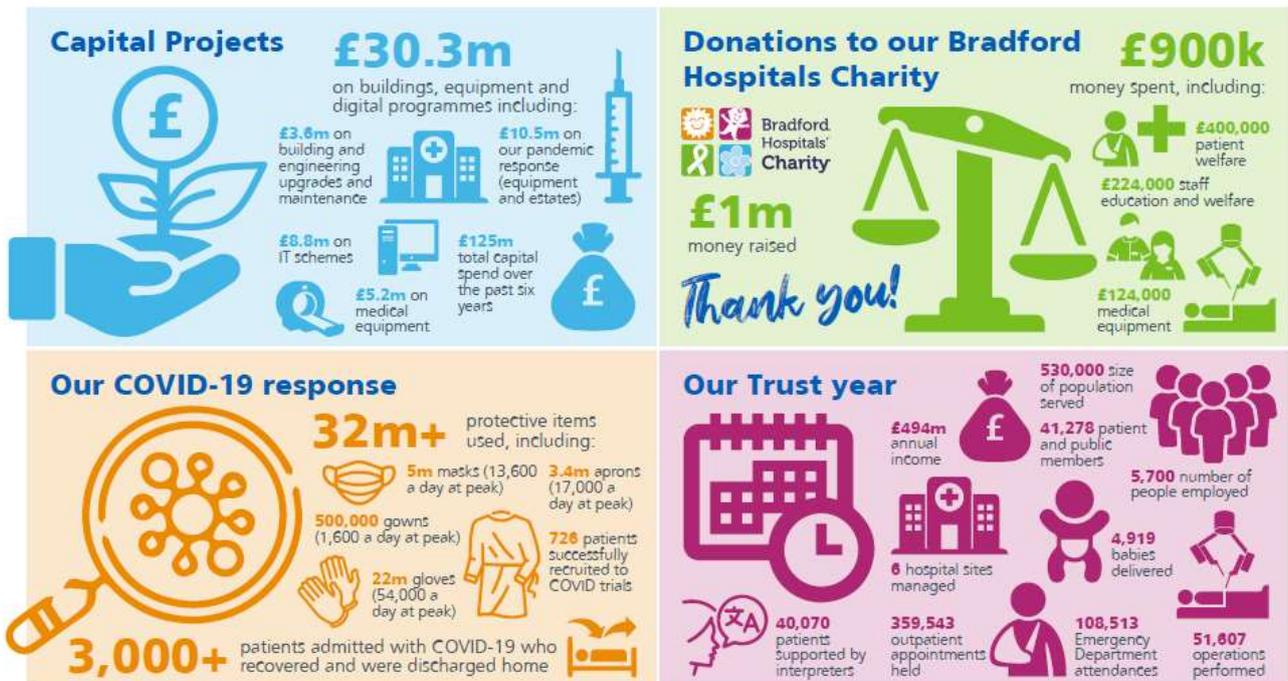
To accompany the Governors video presentation we have published the following document which also provides information on our governors and membership activity during 2020/21. I do hope you find it of use.



## Our Annual Report and Accounts

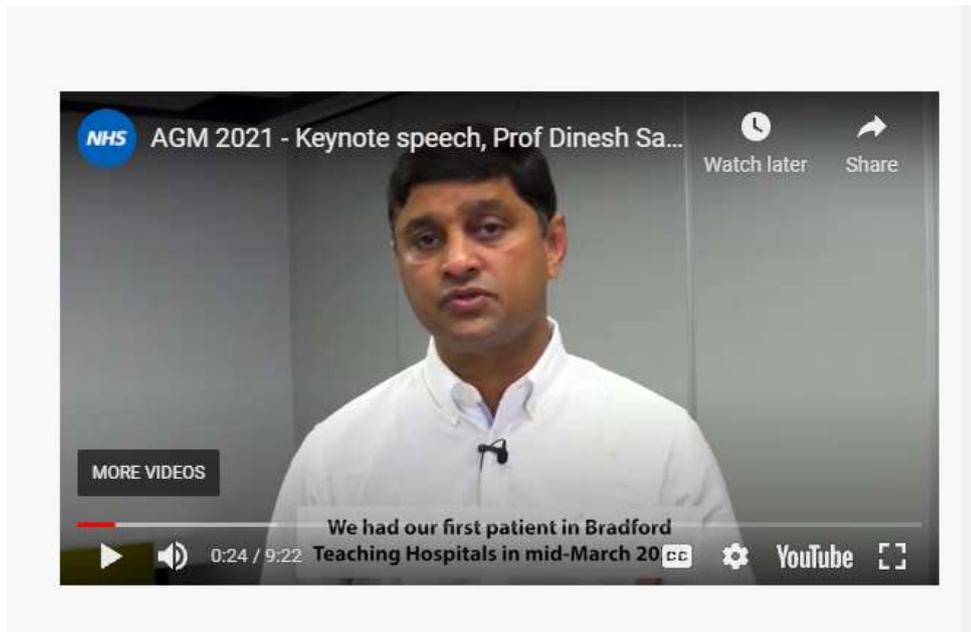
Our full Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 are available [here](#). You can see our quick to view one page summary of our year in numbers below.

## We Are Bradford: 2020/21 in numbers



## Keynote presentation

We were so pleased to have Professor Dinesh Saralaya, Respiratory Consultant, deliver our key note presentation for 2021.



Professor Saralaya is at the forefront of vaccine and drug trials in the fight against COVID-19. He shares with us how this work has helped to shape the response world-wide to saving lives.

## Questions and Answers

We received some questions from members of the public in advance of our AGM/AMM and have themed them into the following three areas.

- Accident and Emergency
- Waiting Times
- Restarting our services

We were pleased to have Saj Azeb, Chief Operating Officer here at our hospitals, providing you with the answers.



Our virtual joint AGM/AMM is available to view [here](#) and can be watched from anywhere, on any device.

We would also be very happy to receive your feedback on the delivery of this year's event as it will help to inform how we deliver it next year. You can send your feedback or any questions you have, to [membership@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@bthft.nhs.uk)

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## 2. Bradford Hospitals' Charity

Please see below a message from our Bradford Hospital's Charity which I am very pleased to share with you. I do hope that you might take the time to complete the survey so that we can get as many people as we can to help us to develop our charitable strategies.



Bradford Hospitals' Charity is the official NHS charity partner of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

As a charity, we work closely with the Trust to fund equipment, training, research, and projects which enhance the experience of patients and their families. We also support staff to ensure they can provide the very best treatment and care. Whether that is providing equipment which is not routinely funded by the NHS to speed up diagnosis, upgrading a piece of kit to make patients more comfortable, funding training which improves staff knowledge, or buying toys and distraction equipment for our young patients to help them cope in hospital – we provide over and above what the NHS can fund.

Our four funds are: Children and Young People, Cancer, Elderly and Dementia, and Sunshine (everything else).

### **Have your say to help us grow**

As a charity, we believe there is always more we can do. We're aiming to understand a little more about our supporters and friends of Bradford Hospitals' Charity, to help us build our future strategies and continue to grow.

Therefore, we'd be so grateful for your confidential opinions during this short survey of 28 questions, which should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

[Bradford Hospitals Charity Survey](#)

If you could complete the survey by **18 November**, we would be grateful.

If you would like to know more about our charity, how you can get involved, and our current appeals, please visit our website [here](#).

We have recently launched our winter [Snowflake Appeal](#), which will enable us to make the festive season extra special for our patients and staff. And we are about to launch our [Sparkle for Axl](#) campaign, which raises money for toys for children in hospital.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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### 3. Board of Directors Meeting 23 September

Our full meeting is available to view on our YouTube channel [here](#). We always start our Board meetings with a 'patient story' or a half-hour presentation giving patient insights into the delivery of our services. In September our Board heard from Lynne Joyce, a 73-year-old woman who described her recent experiences here at our Trust as a patient without children.



Ageing without children (AWOC), of which Lynne is a member, has a growing population of people who are 'ageing without children' and seek to raise awareness about the struggles that this group of people face. Lynne's story is right at the start of the meeting, and I would encourage you to watch it please. We promise to learn from Lynne.

From the meeting in September there are another three items that I would wish to highlight for your attention. The video times (and length) are included below.

01:38:29	Research Activity in the Trust (23 minutes):
02:03:55	Organ donation (25 minutes):
03:31:57	Hospital onset COVID-19 infections (12 minutes):

All documents and the agenda are available on our website. Our next Board meeting takes place on 18 November and the video for the meeting will be available to view at the start of the following week.

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#### 4. Council of Governors meeting 21 October 2021

Our last Council of Governors meeting took place on 21 October 2021.

The agenda and papers are all available on line [here](#) along with the video of the meeting. I would draw attention to the following items discussed with the Council.

- The Chairman's report
- The report received from the External Auditor (who the Governors appoint) on the Annual report and Accounts 2021.
- The Trust's Corporate Strategy Refresh document
- Update provided on the 'Integrated Care System and Place Developments'.
- The draft of the Membership Plan.

We also confirmed the appointment of Professor Janet Hirst, our new Non-Executive Director representing the Leeds Medical School (Leeds University).



The Council of Governors approved the nomination from Leeds Medical School in July. Following the required 'fit and proper persons' checks, Janet joined her first Board meeting in September, and this was her first Council meeting. You can find out more about Janet on our website [here](#).

The next Council of Governors meeting takes place on Thursday, 27 January 2022. It will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel within the following week.

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#### 5. Elections to our Council of Governors

Our next elections process will launch in January 2022 and close at the end of March 2022. The confirmed schedule will be published on our website and shared directly with our Foundation Trust members.

We will be seeking to fill a total of nine seats which cover:

- Keighley (2 seats)
- Bradford East (2 seats)
- Bradford South (1 seat)
- Staff Governor Nursing and Midwifery (1 seat)
- Staff Governor Medical and Dental (1 seat)
- Patient (1 seat)

If you would like to check the eligibility criteria for each of our seats you can do so here in our [constitution](#).

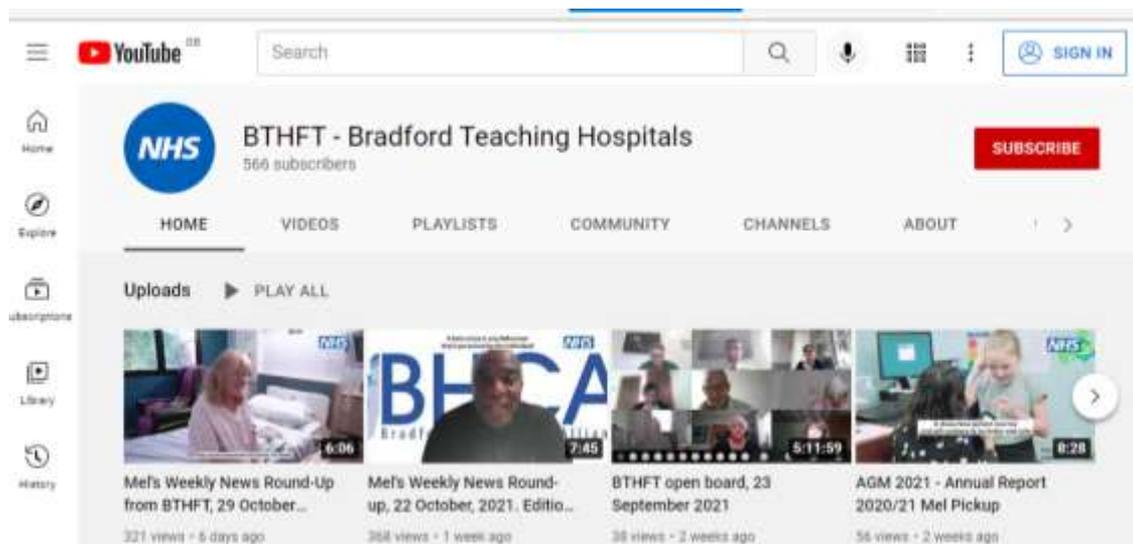
To support the elections process we will be launching a communications campaign at the end of November. If you are interested in standing and would like to know more, you can contact our Corporate Governance team to either have a chat or register for more information when it is published in the New Year. Please contact [membership@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@bthft.nhs.uk).

If you know someone who you think would make a good governor, then please share this information with them and ask them to get in touch.

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## 6. Professor Mel Pickup, Chief Executive's weekly news round-ups

Our Chief Executive, Mel Pickup, has recorded a total of 52 editions of her weekly news roundups to date. They each last about six to seven minutes and are a really good way to keep up-to-date with all that is happening at our Trust. The videos are all available on our BTHFT YouTube Channel which you can subscribe to [here](#).



A summary of the content of those produced over the last couple of months (September and October) is available below. Again, please do share these links with your friends, family and colleagues and let us know what you think.

### ***Mel's news roundups from September 2021 to October 2021***

- 3 September <https://youtu.be/5feTQqjBFss>

This week we get a glimpse behind the scenes of a mammoth move of medical records from St Luke's Hospital. And we highlight a campaign urging patients to treat A&E staff with respect while they do their job. Plus, we hear about the new role of the medical examiner – and meet the doctor who's leading this in our Trust. And there's a catch-up on other news hitting the headlines across our hospitals.

- 10 September <https://bit.ly/3BTiTec>

This week, we look at how we're developing virtual services to transform the way in which we deliver hospital care. Also, how the early detection of sepsis helps beat this life-threatening infection. And, with World Patient Safety Day coming up next week, we focus on how we care for our mums and babies in Maternity. Plus, there's a round-up of other news from around the Trust – including a lovely story about how one of our healthcare assistants, aged 78, is now looking after a baby born to a patient she cared for when she was a child.

- 24 September <https://youtu.be/fbKtKMQQwgU>

This week we unveil our new landmark Spiritual, Pastoral and Religious Care (SPaRC) team; a ground-breaking redesign of our hospital chaplaincy service that allows us to be more inclusive and truly representative of the people we serve. We're flying the flag for Organ Donation Week and calling on people to talk to their families about their organ donation decisions to #leavethemcertain. We shine the spotlight on our dedicated physiotherapy team and catch up with two colleagues who are sharing the new post of Lead Healthcare Scientific Officer. And we've also had a visit from a very special bus that can help us understand autism more clearly.

- 8 October <https://youtu.be/HINMrFygPLg>

In this week's round-up we look inside our newly re-opened vaccination hub where we're rolling out the COVID-19 booster jabs to colleagues. And we hear more about the launch of Thrive – our Trust's new wellbeing and development one-stop-shop for staff. Plus, there's news of a trainee physiotherapist scheme designed to give new starters some hands-on experience. And we catch up on lots of other things happening right across the Trust.

- 22 October <https://youtu.be/-6gMSBID1z0>

In this week's round-up we show our support for the police's Hate Hurts campaign to tackle hate crime across society and in our hospitals. We want anyone who is a victim of hate crime to feel confident enough to report it. We also see how electronic patient letters have revolutionised our appointments' system – and helped the environment. And, as Christmas isn't that far away, it's time for the launch of Bradford Hospitals' Charity's winter snowflake appeal. Plus, there's lots of other news from right across the Trust.

- 29 October <https://youtu.be/psEGPXb08Dc>

This week we hear how the COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year-olds is gathering pace across Bradford and District, with St Luke's Hospital playing an important role in its delivery. There's news about how our Trust is forging even stronger links with Leeds University's School of Medicine with the appointment of Consultant Nephrologist, Mansoor Ali, as its Secondary Care Placement Lead. And an amazing new hypnobirthing course for mums-to-be is being launched by our Maternity team. Plus, there's lots of other news from right across the Trust.

- 5 November [https://youtu.be/\\_\\_\\_6qCASKvt4](https://youtu.be/___6qCASKvt4)

This week we visit our Ophthalmology department where staff have pioneered a new eye test for children with learning disabilities. And in this, Medicines Safety Week, there's a chance to meet our first Medication Safety Officer. Plus there's news of a ground-breaking trial starting here in Bradford for a whooping cough vaccine. And you can also catch-up on much more that's been happening across the Trust.

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## 7. Keeping up-to-date

Please follow our official Twitter account (@bthft) and visit our website at [www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk) to keep up to date with what's happening.

You can also follow on [Facebook](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel

As members of our Foundation Trust your views really do matter, and if you have any feedback you'd like to offer, please email me at [membership@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@bthft.nhs.uk)

**Regards,**



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