

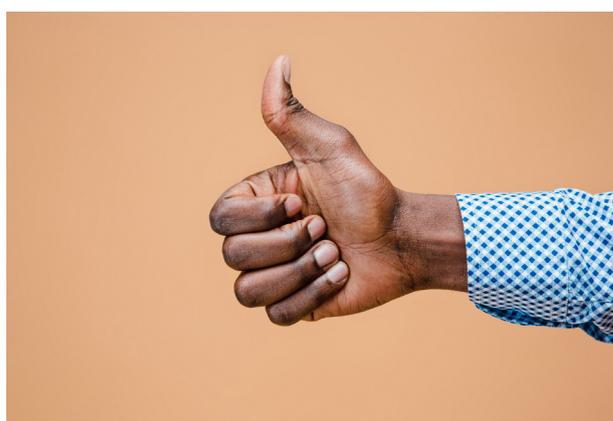
Membership
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Dr Maxwell Mclean

This is the easy read version of our summer membership e-newsletter.

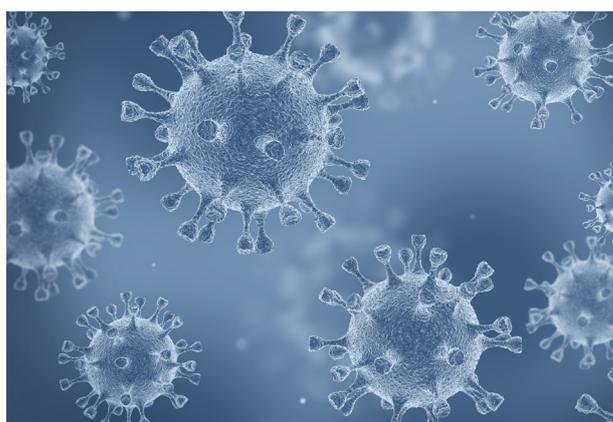
You can see the full version here on our [Council of Governors and Foundation Trust Membership](#) page.

Introduction



Welcome to the easy read summary of the summer edition of my e-newsletter to our Foundation Trust members.

We are doing all we can to keep our patients, staff and visitors safe.



We are now asking that all staff and visitors return to wearing face masks in all areas of the Trust.

This is because there has been an increase in Covid-19 cases.



There are supplies of masks at our hospital entrances.

All visitors to our non-covid wards are able to visit but must wear a mask to protect our patients and staff.



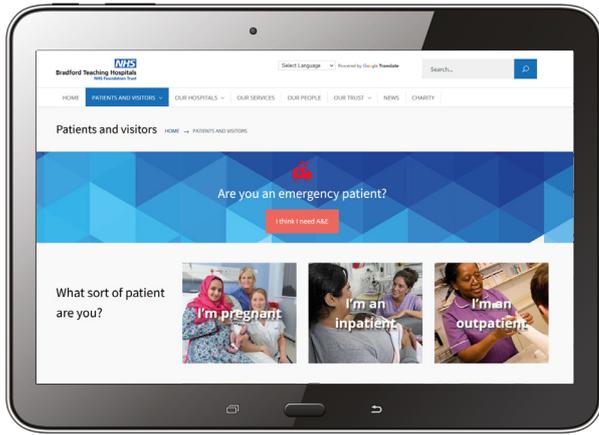
We also recommend that visitors wash their hands or use hand gel often and keep away from others when possible.

These rules apply to all our hospitals which are BRI, St Luke's, Westbourne Green and Westwood Park.



We are also asking visitors to not come if they are showing any signs of having Covid-19.

Most people are not able to get Covid-19 tests but you can find the official government guidance by clicking [here](#).



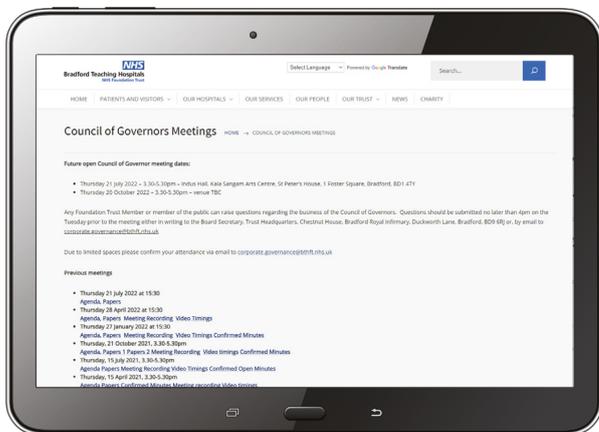
It will tell you what to do if you think or you know that you have Covid-19.

You can find more information about visiting and keeping in touch with patients at our hospitals by clicking [here](#).



We have planned on bringing back more face-to-face meetings and our Council of Governors meeting was held at Kala Sangam on the 21st July.

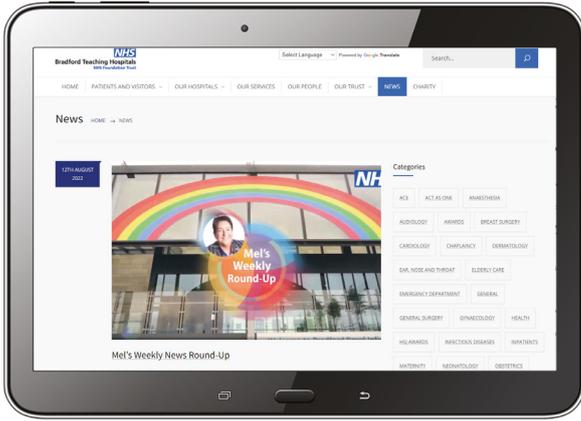
It has been just over 2 years since we were last able to meet.



A list of the key items that were discussed will be in my next e-bulletin but the papers and agenda are available [here](#).

Useful links

All our Trust news can be found [here](#).



You can find out more about the Covid-19 vaccination programme in our area by clicking [here](#).

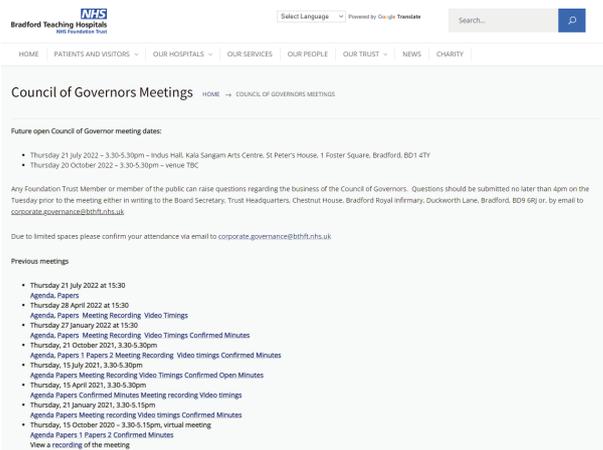


I hope you find all of the information in this bulletin useful. Please share it with anyone you know.



If you'd like to get in touch with me or our Governors then we would be pleased to hear from you.

Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter.



Our council meetings are quarterly, this is once every 3 months. You will find the agenda and meeting papers [here](#).

I thought it would be useful to draw out a couple of key decisions and items from the meeting we held in April.



- Reappointments of Julie Lawreniuk and Mohammed Hussain as Non-Executive Directors. They will be in term for a further 3 years.



- Appointment of a new Lead Governor for the Council. Mark Chambers was appointed by the council and started his role from the end of May 2022. He has been appointed for 2 years.

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- Chair and Non-executive Director Appraisal processes for 2022. The council approved the processes for this year.

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- Planning for the AGM and AMM 2022. The programme was presentation for review and approval.

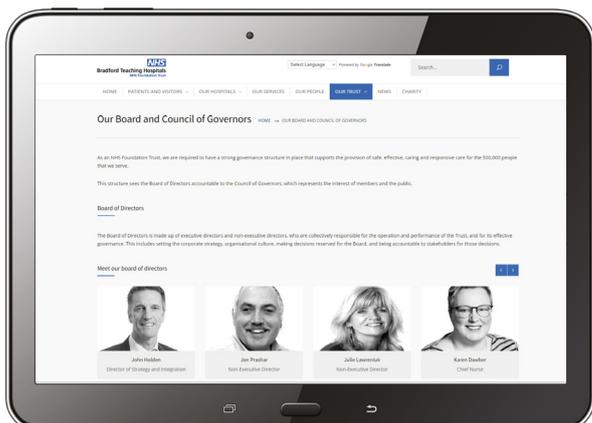


- Executive updates. The council received responses to questions that were asked at a session earlier in the day. The questions covered:

1. Staffing and focussed on those who have temporary/fixed term contracts
2. The performance position and our approach in dealing with outsourced areas
3. The quality improvement work and how our Trust improves learning.



You can visit our web pages [here](#) to find out more about our Governors and the work they do.





Highlights from the May meeting

- Modernisation of Pharmacy services.
- The Board was delighted to hear from Scott Hymas, Pharmacy Assistant and Daniel Norfolk, Senior Pharmacy Assistant. They delivered a presentation on the several projects they have underway.

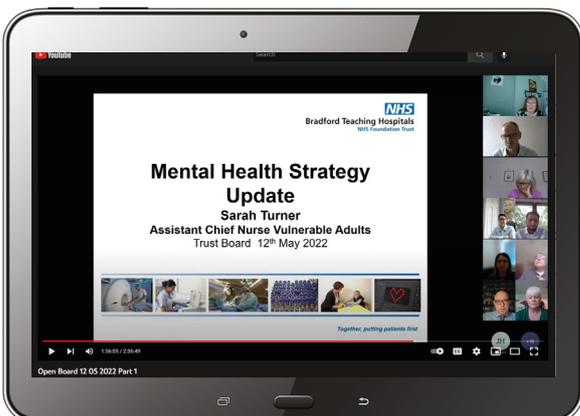


You can hear more at about 11 minutes into part 1 of the Board recording. It lasts about one hour and 15 minutes.

Mental health strategy 2021/23 update



- Our Trusts vision is to promote, protect and improve positive mental health whilst giving outstanding care. Our Board received an update on the actions that have been taken since the launch of the strategy last year. It focussed on a number of areas including the improved support for both patients and staff.



- You can hear more at about 1 hour and 56 minutes into [part 1](#) of the Board recording. It lasts about 25 minutes.

Report from the Chair of the Finance and Performance Academy (March and April 2022)



- For this report I ask you to note the good news provided on our year-end financial position. You will have heard many news stories about pressures that the whole of the NHS is facing. I would like to highlight the discussion about our waiting list so you can find out about the work taking place at our Trust.
- The section starts at about 1 hour and 2 minutes into [part 2](#) of the Board meeting and is 25 minutes long.



- Chief Executives Report – Professor Mel Pickup
I would also like to encourage our members to look at Mel Pickup's report as she provides an excellent overview of how our hospitals are currently working.

You can find Mel's report at 1 hour and 37 minutes into [part 1](#) of the recording. It lasts about 7 minutes.

Welcome to our new Council Members

I would like to say a warm welcome to our new Governors.

They came to their first meeting in July.



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Bolton



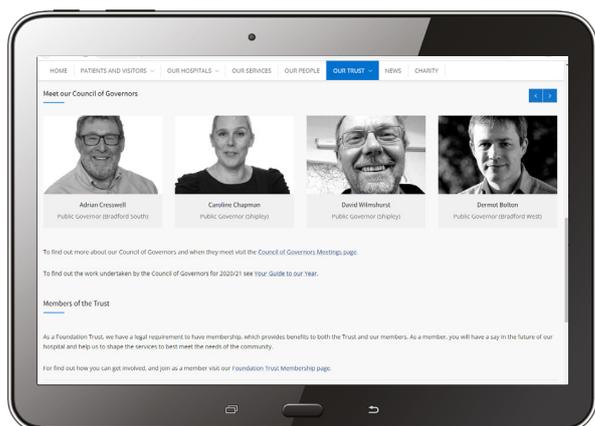
Kathryn
Simons-Porter



Heather
Jacklin



Khalid
Choudry



You can see the profiles of each new Governor [here](#).

Our Autumn/Winter Governor Elections schedule



I would also like to tell you that in September we will be launching our new elections for the following 9 seats on the council:

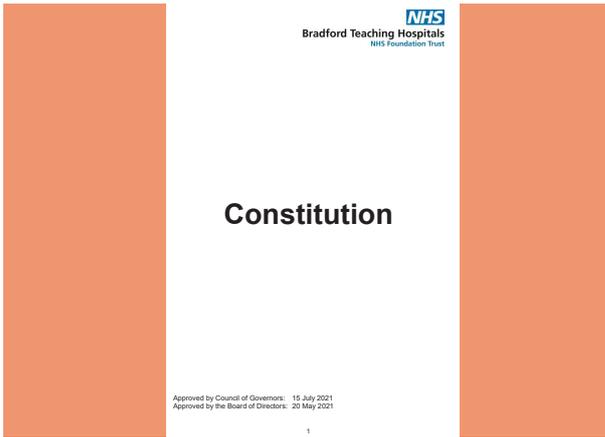
- Patient (out of Bradford) 2
- Bradford South 1
- Rest of England and Wales 1
- Keighley 1
- Shipley 1
- Bradford West 1
- Allied Health professionals and Scientists (AHPS) 1
- All Other Staff Groups (Admin & Clerical, Estates & Ancillary and Additional Clinical Services) 1



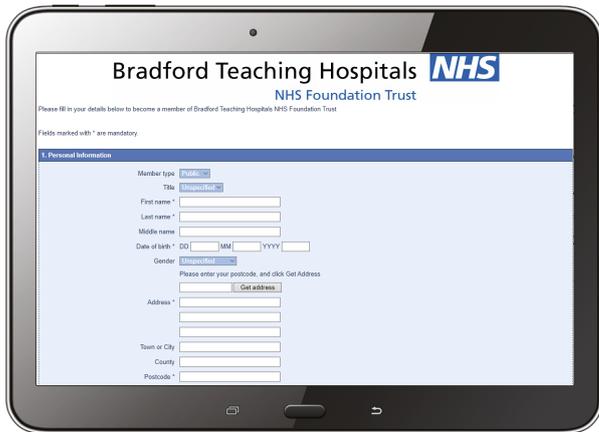
The election process will start on Monday 19th of September. Information will be sent out in mid-August to let you know the process.



If you would like to put your name forward now to receive an election pack, please contact membership@bthft.nhs.uk



To stand for election you need to be a registered member of our Trust. To find out more please see page 5 of our constitution which is [here](#).

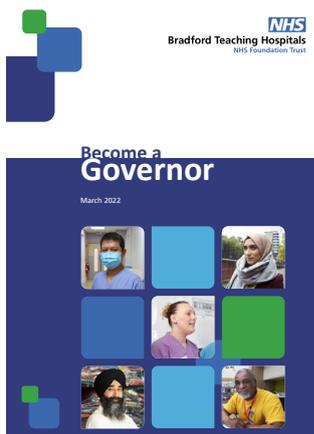


If you know someone who might be interested in being a Governor but they are not yet a member they can join [here](#).



As a Governor you will have a key role in the development of our hospitals.

We provide an induction and access to training.



Take a look at our Become a Governor document [here](#) to see if the role is right for you.

Independent Chair of our Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership



I am pleased to let you know that Elaine Applebee MBE has been appointed as the Independent Chair of Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership.

You can find out more [here](#).

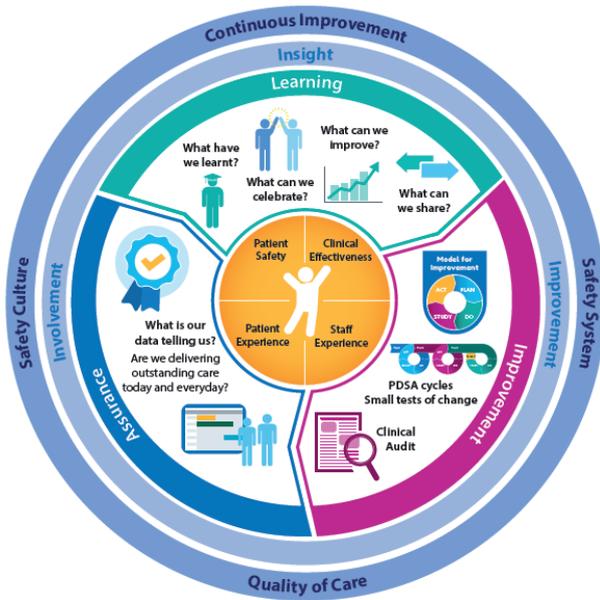


The Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has now changed to be part of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).

We will be talking more about this at our future council meetings.



An Integrated Care System (ICS) is organisations like the NHS, local councils and others working together to make health and care better for everyone living in their area.



I am pleased to let you know that the Board of Directors approved the Trusts Quality Account 2021/22 on the 21st of June.

This has now been published on our website [here](#).



Our Patients, Our People, Our Place and Our Partners Our Corporate Strategy 2022-2027

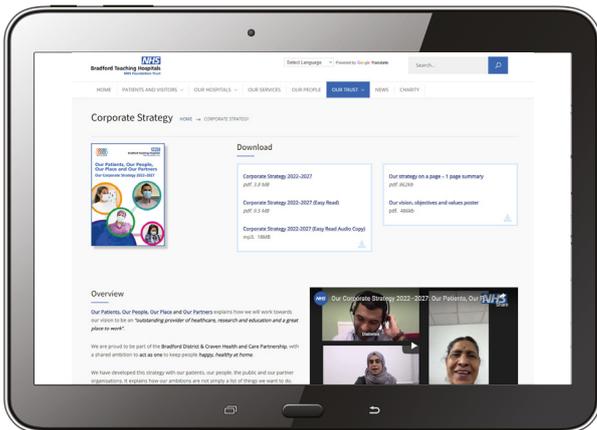


I am delighted to show you the Trust's Corporate Strategy for 2022-2027.

The strategy is called Our Patients, Our People, Our Place and Our Partners. It explains how we will work towards our vision.

We have lots of information about the strategy on our website [here](#).

This includes an easy read version, our strategy on a page and lots of video explainers.



These are challenging and exciting times for the Trust and our partners. We look forward to making the journey with you.



Joint Annual General Meeting (AGM)/Annual Members (AMM) meeting – save the date!



Our joint AGM and AMM has been set for Wednesday 12th October from 5pm to 7pm.

It will be in the Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Field House, BRI. The programme will be published shortly.



Please come along to meet your Governors and find out what we have been doing over the last year.

There will be some light refreshments.

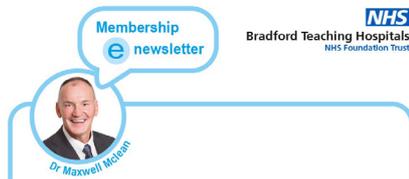
The effects of Digital and Data Transformations at our Trust



This special briefing is by Dr Paul Rice, Chief Digital and Information Officer at our Trust.



It is about some of the things that Bradford Teaching Hospitals has been doing to make services easier to access, simpler to use and safer for our patients.



Membership e-Newsletter Summer 2022

Welcome to the summer edition of my e-newsletter to our foundation trust members.

We are doing all we can to keep our patients, staff and visitors safe. We recently relaxed our rules on mask wearing, although we still required masks to be worn in clinical areas. However, given the increase in Covid-19 cases we are now asking that all staff and visitors return to wearing masks in all clinical, non-clinical and public areas of the Trust with immediate effect.

Supplies of masks have been reinstated at our hospital entrances. All visitors to our non-Covid wards are able to visit but must wear a mask to protect our patients and staff from the spread of Covid-19 and other infections. We also recommend that visitors wash their hands or use hand gel frequently and maintain social distancing where possible. These rules apply to all our hospitals: BRL, St Luke's, Westbourne Green and Westwood Park. The Trust is also urging visitors not to attend if they are showing any signs that they may be infected with Covid-19. Tests are not available as they were previously for the majority of people. The official government guidance is available [here](#) on what to do if you suspect you have or it is confirmed that you have Covid-19. More comprehensive information about visiting and keeping in touch with patients at our hospitals can be accessed [here](#).

We have planned on re-introducing more face-to-face meetings and our Council of Governors meeting on 21 July was held in public at Indus Hall, Kala Sangam Arts Centre in central Bradford. It has been just over two years since we were able to last meet together face to face. A list of the key items discussed will be included in my next e-bulletin however the agenda and papers from the July meeting are available [here](#).

Useful links

Our previous Council of Governors meeting took place on 28 April. Our most recent Board meeting took place on 14 July, however our last recorded Board meeting was on 14 May. Key highlights from these meetings are provided below along with the links to our YouTube Channel.

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, please click [here](#).

This includes appointment letters being sent out using the DrDoctor app, online appointments and patient-initiated follow-ups (PIFU).

You can read the full briefing in the original version of this e-newsletter.



Bradford Hospitals' Charity

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



As a charity we work closely with the Trust to pay for equipment, training, research and projects which give extra support for patients and their families.

We also support staff to make sure they can give the best treatment and care.



It could be providing equipment that the NHS doesn't pay for to speed up diagnosis, funding training which improves staff knowledge or buying toys for children in hospital.



You can find the latest news from our Charity [here](#). There is also information about our fundraising activities and our appeals.

Bradford welcomes Baggin's the Bear
August 11, 2022 | News



NHS heroes from across the North join forces to tackle iconic hike
July 21, 2022 | News



Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment- would you like to take part?



Every NHS patient should be cared for with compassion and dignity and in a safe and clean environment.

Patient-led assessments of the care environment (PLACE) help us to understand how well we are meeting the needs of our patients.



They also help us to find out where we need to make things better.

Assessments teams are made up of staff and patients. Anyone who uses the service can be an assessor, including patients, their family, visitors and governors.



We are looking for assessors from all our communities no matter what background, age or disability.

Please contact the Patient Experience team by email

community.engagement@bthft.nhs.uk

or by phone on 01274 272568.

Help us to review our Accident and Emergency Department



We are looking for a diverse group of people from our communities to focus on our Accident and Emergency department. We want help to find out how we could make things better for our service users.

The A & E Patient Experience Event takes place on Tuesday 23rd August from 10.30am to 1.30pm.



We will take you on a tour of our department then provide lunch before the final part of the event. This will be a feedback and discussion session with members of the Accident and Emergency team.

We would really like lots of different people from our communities to be involved.



We are especially interested in hearing from people who have used our Accident and Emergency service, and as we treat a lot of young people, we want to hear from them too.

If you would like to take part you can apply by emailing community.engagement@bthft.nhs.uk

You can also phone on 01274 272568.

Do you have any experience of hospital care?
We want to hear from you.



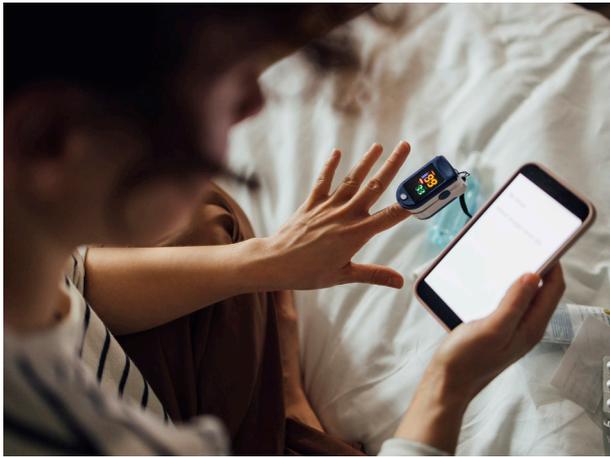
We would like to invite you to an in-person group discussion where we will talk about patient safety and how hospitals co-ordinate care.

Lunch will be provided.

It is on Tuesday 23rd August between 1pm and 5pm.

Important! Please look at the original version of this e-newsletter and the appendix 1 for more details so you can make sure it is right for you.

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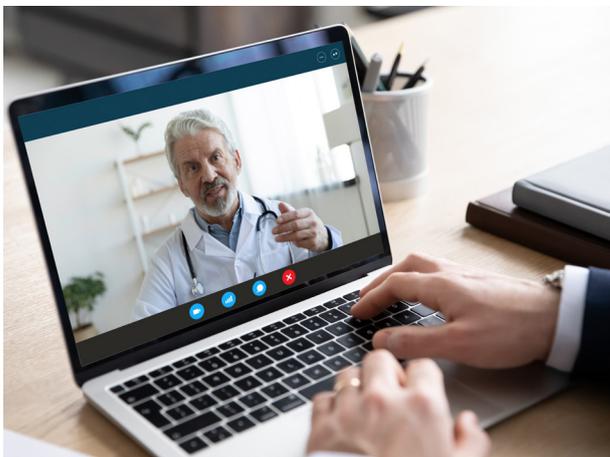


Virtual services are a way of providing hospital standard care to patients closer to where they live and often in their own homes.



They can be as simple as having your follow-up outpatient appointment by video or phone call. Or it may be that hospitals use technology to monitor a patient rather than keeping them in hospital overnight.

You can find out more in our Virtual Royal Infirmary Programme [here](#).

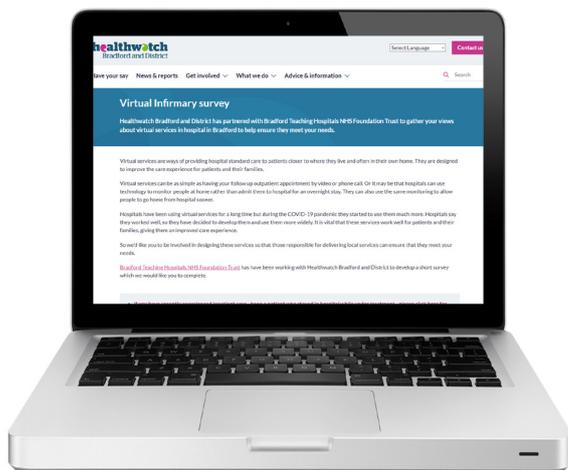


Hospitals have been using virtual services for a long time but used them more during the Covid-19 pandemic.

They worked well so we want to start using them more.

Our Trust has been working with Healthwatch Bradford and District to develop a short survey. Please click on the links below to complete the survey.

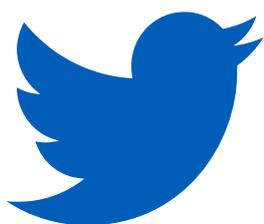
[Healthwatchbradford](#)





You should now be receiving links to Mel's weekly news round-ups.

They are a really good way to keep up to date with what is happening at the Trust.



Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/BTHFT>



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BradfordHospitals/>



Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BTHFTBradfordTeachingHospitals>

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For more about our Foundation Trust and our Governors please visit
<https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/our-trust/council-of-governors-and-foundation-trust-membership/>.