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**Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Members'news



Dear Members,

**See below for recent news on our hospitals from our Chief Executive, Mel Pickup .....**

## Voting open for Governor Elections in Bradford East

Voting is open for you to elect your next Governor representing Bradford East!

If you live within the Bradford East Constituency, please look out for an email (or postal letter if you haven't supplied your email address) to vote for your new Governor. The deadline for voting is 5pm on Wednesday 28 May 2025.

To find out more about our Governors or our upcoming elections, visit our website:

<https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/our-trust/become-a-governor/>

## Mel's monthly round-up: Our Patients

### Our Patients – Pain Management Service

For this month's patient round-up, we visit our Pain Management Service, based at St Luke's Hospital, to hear how the team has developed innovative new ways of helping patients manage chronic pain and take control of their own recovery.

Today, we'll hear from Dr. Sanjeeva Gupta, Consultant in Pain Management, and Helen Claxton, Clinical Nurse Specialist, as they discuss the Pain Management team's work, and how it is transforming pain management through education, innovative techniques, and patient empowerment.

[Watch the round-up here.](#)

## Mel's monthly round-up: Our People

### **Our People: Brilliant Bradford Awards winner Natalia**

This month, we're pleased to shine the spotlight on Natalia Taylor, one of our Employees of the Year winners at our Brilliant Bradford Awards 2024.

Currently a senior sister in the Emergency Department, Natalia has also stepped up as Acting Matron in Cardiology, demonstrating outstanding leadership and dedication across many teams, and living our Trust's values.

We'll hear from Natalia as well as Matron Samantha Dawe, who nominated Natalia for her commitment to patient care, staff support, and her passion for recruitment, retention, and recognition.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/97vF183X-mA>

## Let's Talk with Mel podcast: remembering the Bradford City fire 40 years on

**This month's podcast is dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Bradford City fire disaster 40 years ago, on 11 May 1985, and to recognise the many people working at Bradford Teaching Hospitals at the time who helped the victims.**

Mel chats to Sister Angela O'Neill, now semi-retired but still working at the Trust, who was a 21-year-old enrolled nurse at the time of the Bradford Fire and found herself at the heart of the hospitals' response.

We will also hear the recollections of Matthew Wildman, the last surviving person to be pulled out of the stadium fire.

It's a moving conversation for a very poignant anniversary. [Listen here](#).

## Mel's monthly round-up

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Here you can access shortened version of the stories from the month in one go...

- The month started by learning more about the work of the Pain Management team, and how its innovative approaches are being used to help patients take control of their own recovery.
- We also celebrated a recent Brilliant Bradford Awards winner, one of our Employees of the Year: Natalia Taylor, about her commitment to patient care, staff support, and her passion for recruitment, retention, and recognition.

- And as we mark the 40th anniversary of the Bradford City Stadium fire in May, we took a moment to remember and reflect on this devastating event in Bradford's history. Mel was joined on the podcast by Angela O'Neill, a nurse here at Bradford Royal Infirmary at the time of the fire, and Matthew Wildman, who shared his experience as a survivor of that terrible day.

Plus, you can see a few of the other highlights from the month. We hope you enjoy it:

[https://youtu.be/jYRSG\\_zxFts](https://youtu.be/jYRSG_zxFts)

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Regards

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