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Bradford Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

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Dear Members,

It's Volunteers' Week!



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WEEK**



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2nd - 8th
June



I'm pleased to be able to share our latest volunteer recruitment is now open at Bradford Teaching Hospitals.

We have some new role opportunities available, along with recruiting again for some of our existing roles.

All roles can be found here: [Volunteering Opportunities | Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Volunteering](#). Whilst volunteers can apply directly online, we can offer more accessible applications where required. Further information on volunteering can be found directly on the website - [Voluntary services – Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust \(bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk\)](#). Alternatively if you (or anyone you know) would like to discuss in person then please do get in touch. You can phone on 01274 364309 or email to volunteer.information@bthft.nhs.uk and ask for a call back.

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

Mel's weekly round-up: Our Place

In this week's round-up we hear how small improvements and changes can make a big difference to how patients experience a visit to, or a stay in, our hospitals.

We're passionate about making sure all our patients are cared for with compassion and dignity in a clean, safe environment and patient-led assessments of the care environment, known as PLACE assessments, play a big part in this.

PLACE assessments cover all our acute and community hospitals and allow us to hear directly from patients about how environments or services might be enhanced.

Today we'll hear from Patient and Public Engagement Officer, George Reynolds, and PLACE Assessor, Kathy Bairstow about how their insights help drive improvements in everything from cleanliness and food quality to privacy, dignity and accessibility for people with dementia or disabilities.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/d-5JBRji9Qc>



Mel's weekly round-up: Our Partners

This week we focus on another milestone for our Trust, Bradford Institute for Health Research, and research across the region – the launch of a new Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC) for Bradford and West Yorkshire at Bradford Royal Infirmary.

We hear from Dr Dinesh Saralaya, Director of the CRDC, about what this new development means and how the centre is helping to place Bradford alongside our partners in Calderdale and Mid Yorkshire, at the forefront of commercial research.

We'll also hear from two patients involved in research who will share their experiences of helping to shape better care for all our communities.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/q8murStiBtM>



Mel's weekly round-up: Our Place

In this week's round-up, we're celebrating a major milestone in our mission to net-zero as the Trust has been awarded over £1 million in government green funding to expand solar power across our hospital sites.

This new investment means that we can go greener, faster and reduce our carbon footprint by 190 tonnes annually.

We hear from colleagues in our Estates and Facilities team about what this means for the Trust, and how it supports our journey towards a more sustainable future.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/HhUTLzatm2c>

Let's Talk with Mel podcast – Belonging at BTHFT

This month's podcast is a little different: it's a special one recorded live at our recent Trust's Thrive leadership event, which focused on the theme of Belonging through the Ages – past, present and future.

In this episode Mel chats to three members of our BTHFT team – Postgraduate Education Lead, Alida Towns; A&E Clinical Practice Educator, Abdellatif Mohamed; and Clinical Educator, Mortimer Fraser.

They discuss the challenges international colleagues face when they first arrive at the Trust, and what we can learn about welcoming international staff from around the world and helping them feel they belong.

Listen here: <https://shorturl.at/ijRzZ>

Short of time? Then access Mel's monthly round-up for May

May round-up

As we come to the end of another month, we're sharing a round-up of stories from across the Trust.

We began May by learning more about the patient-led assessments of care environment, or PLACE assessments for short, and how they give a voice to patients in shaping the spaces where care is delivered, as small improvements can make a big difference.

We also celebrated the official launch of our new Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC), which will put Bradford, alongside our partners in Calderdale and Mid Yorkshire, at the forefront of commercial research.

This month we also celebrated a major milestone in our mission – with the Trust being awarded more than £1 million in government green funding to expand solar power across our hospital sites.

And May's podcast was the first of two recorded live at our 2025 Thrive conference, bringing together a panel of colleagues for a conversation on the theme 'Belonging through the ages – past, present and future'. We heard personal reflections on what belonging means at different stages of both life and career.

- Take five to watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/Ji1RCvxUojU>

We hope you find these round ups useful. Please do share with your family and friends. If you have any feedback you would like to share then please do – see our contact details at the end of this email.

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