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world of Bradford's
hospitals



Bradford Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Members' news



Dear Members,

See below for recent news on our hospitals

EXCEL Programme: Patient feedback matters to us

Have you visited the Emergency Department? We would love to hear from you.

If you have an experience to share, please join us for our Patient Engagement Event focused on improving the care you or your family receive.

We are hosting a Patient Engagement Event on **17th November 2025, 11am – 3pm in the Listening for Life Centre at Bradford Royal Infirmary**, to hear your experiences and ideas about urgent and emergency care. Your feedback will help us make real improvements to how care is delivered when it matters most.

A light lunch will be provided. Limited places are available.

To secure your place Please RSVP: Patient Experience Officer, George Reynolds: email george.reynolds@bthft.nhs.uk

The poster features the NHS logo at the top right, followed by the 'EXCEL' logo and the text 'PROGRAMME PATIENT FEEDBACK MATTERS TO US!'. It includes the question 'HAVE YOU VISITED THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT?' and a call to action: 'WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. IF YOU HAVE AN EXPERIENCE TO SHARE, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PATIENT ENGAGEMENT EVENT FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE CARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY RECEIVE.' Below this is a photograph of a busy emergency department. At the bottom, it states 'Help Us Improve Urgent and Emergency Care', the date and time '17.11.25 11am - 3pm', the location 'Listening for Life Centre BRI', and details about the event: 'We are hosting a Patient Engagement Event to hear your experiences and ideas about urgent and emergency care. Your feedback will help us make real improvements to how care is delivered when it matters most. A light lunch will be provided. Limited places available. To secure your place Please RSVP: Patient Experience Officer George Reynolds Email george.reynolds@bthft.nhs.uk'.

COMING SOON: Elections to our Council of Governors

Bradford Teaching Hospitals will hold elections to appoint 4 public representatives and 2 patient representatives to its Council of Governors and is looking for people to nominate

themselves to stand from **Tuesday 9th September 2025**.

We are looking for people of all ages and from different backgrounds to become Governors to reflect and represent the diverse communities that we serve here at Bradford Teaching Hospitals. We are seeking governors for each of the following public/patient membership constituencies:

- 1 x Bradford West
- 1 x Bradford South
- 2 x Shipley
- 2 x Patient (lives outside of the Bradford District but has received treatment from our Trust)

How to nominate yourself:

- You can nominate yourself for the elections from Tuesday 9th September 2025 by accessing www.cesvotes.com/BTHNHS2025 (*this site will only be available from 9th September*)
- You can also find information on our Trust website [here](#)
- We will be holding a couple of information sessions online for you to find out more about the Governor role. These take place on:
 - Thursday 18 September, 2:00 – 3:00pm
 - Wednesday 24 September, 4:00 – 5:00pm

To book a place to attend, email: membership@bthft.nhs.uk

- Nomination forms need to be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Members' Meeting 6 October 2025, 5pm, Sovereign Lecture Theatre, BRI

The date for our Annual Members' Meeting has been set for **Monday 6 October 2025, Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Field House, BRI from 5pm to 6:45pm**. Please save the date to come along to hear how our Trust has performed over the last year.

You will hear more about the AMM and how to book your place in our next communication in early September 2025.

Car Parking Changes

At Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, we're making parking simpler, fairer and more efficient, providing a better experience for patients, colleagues and visitors.

The new parking system uses the latest Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology and will go live for the public on Monday, 18 August at Bradford Royal Infirmary (BRI) and St Luke's Hospital soon.

For further information please visit our website: <https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/parking-is-changing/>

Visiting hours extended

Visiting hours at our hospitals have been extended

We encourage relatives and friends to visit patients.

However, patients can get tired very quickly and we ask that this be respected to aid their recovery. For this reason, the number of visitors each patient is allowed is usually restricted to no more than 2 people at any one time. It's therefore important that you check the arrangements with the ward/areas where you are visiting your loved one.

Visitors are welcome from **noon to 8pm, Monday to Friday**, in most inpatient wards and from **10am to 8pm** on weekends, bank holidays and special celebrations, such as Christmas, Eid and Diwali.

Each patient will be allowed 2 visitors at any one time.

Full details can be found on our [information for visitors page](#).

News round ups from our Chief Executive, Mel Pickup

August's round-up

As we come to the end of August, we're sharing a roundup of stories from across the Trust.

Earlier this year, we celebrated Armed Forces Day with a special event at Bradford Royal Infirmary to honour our ex-service colleagues and launch our Veterans Network, an initiative to support ex-service colleagues across the Trust and remind people that we are officially Veteran Aware accredited.

This month, we also revisited our Bicycle and Runners' Users Group to highlight the importance of more sustainable and active ways of commuting to work.

We also celebrated Viv Dolby, who's been awarded the NIHR Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her near 50 year-long contribution to midwifery and health care research within the NHS.

This month on the podcast we heard from physiotherapist Matthew Walmsley about how his team is already helping to turn the vision of the NHS' new ten-year plan into reality.

[Watch the round-up here](#)



NHS' 10 Year Plan

Join Mel Pickup, Chief Executive of Bradford Teaching Hospitals, for a conversation with Matthew Walmsley, Physiotherapist, who shares how his team is already helping to turn the vision of the NHS' new 10 Year Plan into reality.

From shifting care closer to home, to a focus on prevention and the adoption of digital tools, Matthew highlights how these changes are already improving patient care and shaping the future of the NHS.

Listen to it here: <https://shorturl.at/Ceclv>



Our People – Midwife Research Champion, Viv Dolby...

We're sharing the story of midwife and research champion, Viv Dolby, who's been awarded the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) 'Lifetime Achievement Award'.

Viv, who is Lead Audit Midwife with the Maternal Enhanced and Critical Care (MEaCC) Project at the Improvement Academy, based at Bradford Institute for Health Research (BIHR), reflects on her nearly 50 year-long contribution to midwifery and healthcare research.

We also hear from Research Matron, Jen Syson, from BIHR, to tell us more about the impact and importance of Viv's work.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/oOqPy52XRao>



Our People – Active Travel ...

This week, we're revisiting a scheme that's making a difference for both our planet and our people here at BTHFT – Active Travel.

Whether it's cycling, running or walking to work, Active Travel has countless benefits. It supports a greener future, improves physical and mental wellbeing, and helps reduce the cost of commuting.

We'll hear from colleagues across the Trust about how choosing a different way to travel to work has impacted their daily lives, from boosting energy levels to creating a stronger sense of community.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/TyIsbclB2wE>



Our Place - celebrating our ex-armed services colleagues

On this year's Yorkshire Day, we're celebrating our ex-armed services colleagues, the support they give patients who are veterans, and how the Trust is proud to be Veteran Aware.

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We hear from Complaints Lead, Fiona Mattison and Clinical Site Matron, Kayleigh Lawton, about how the Trust has recognised the skills and abilities they bring from their former lives and how they're proud to be veterans and support colleagues and patients who are also ex-services.

Watch here: https://youtu.be/ywW5E9W_UGg



We hope you find this issue of our membership news 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.

Your Membership Data – Membership Portal

You have control of the data we hold on you!

Here you can create your own log in and keep your own information up to date:

<https://secure.membra.co.uk/memberportal/bradfordteaching/>

You can also update your profile information and in particular let us know if you have any special requirements that we should take account of.

Regards

Membership Office

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