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# Foundation News

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

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## 21st century health centres

**WE HAVE begun 2013 with two major new developments at the Trust.**

Despite the challenging financial climate, work has begun to convert historic Acre Mill, Lindley, across from Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, into a 21st century state-of-the-art healthcare centre.

And in Halifax, our new premises at Broad Street Plaza are now open replacing the former Laura Mitchell health centre. We have around 130 doctors, nurses and allied health care professionals based there providing a range of clinics for adults and children in the new state-of-the-art building.

The Trust's Medical Director, David Wise, said Broad Street offered a quality setting to deliver healthcare into the future. He said: "This is the future. This is a new and exciting development for our Trust and we are proud to be

part of such a magnificent facility for the families of Calderdale remaining in the very heart of Halifax."

At Acre Mill, the Trust has worked hard with our development partner Henry Boot to make sure the historic, listed, landmark building and its surrounding grounds are restored sympathetically to their former glory and at the same time create a modern new outpatients centre together with a 200-space car park and ambulance drop-off area.

A Trust spokesman, said: "Once complete this will be a tremendous asset for our patients and this Trust. We are recycling a landmark, old building in Lindley and turning it into an excellent, modern facility which will be used by our patients for many years to come."

● Acre Mill was a steel wire mill formerly owned by Joseph Sykes and Sons. It was regarded by locals as the biggest mill in the world as it



**Above: an artists' impression of how Acre Mill will look. Right: our team at Broad Street Plaza**

went three-quarters of the way round the "Globe" – the name of the pub now known as The Nightingale.



## Message from our Chairman

**W**elcome to the first members' newsletter for 2013.

2013 should be a very exciting, yet challenging time, as Trusts across the UK face demands to drive up the quality of patient care and at the same time look to make efficiencies. It is quite a balancing act, yet one which this Trust has always mastered in the past and I am sure will continue to do so keeping us amongst the best regarded in the country.

After attending our annual staff awards – called Celebrating Success – last month I know the depth of talented, dedicated professionals we have in all areas right across this Trust who will be at the heart of our efforts to ensure our patients get the best care and experience possible during their stays with us.

And that is more important than ever as this year the Government's Friends and Family initiative will be introduced. It is simple. We will be asking patients after they leave us: Would you recommend us to your family and friends? If we provide that excellent level of service then we all expect the answer will be yes!

It is a simple concept which aims to make sure that what patients expect from their NHS – they get.

So I am looking forward immensely to the challenges ahead and being part of this Trust's excellent team which never forgets its slogan: Your Care, Our Concern.

I would also take this opportunity to welcome our new membership councillors to the team – Vic Siswick, Kathleen Wileman, Avril Henson and Johanna Turner (see back page).

I wish you all the very best in the coming year....

## Honour for Marlene

MEMBERSHIP Councillor Marlene Chambers has been awarded an honour in the New Year's Honours list.

Marlene, 78, was given the British Empire Medal for services to the village of Thornhill Lees in Dewsbury.

Congratulations Marlene.



# Help us to set priorities for the coming year

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**IT IS the time again when we, as an NHS organisation, are looking to set what will be our top healthcare priorities for the coming year.**

And we want your help to select them. Last year we held an event where our members were invited to come along and tell us what was important to them. As a result the priorities for 2012/13 were reducing infections, reducing pressure ulcers, reducing readmissions, improving dementia care, improving doctors' communications and improved information for patients on discharge.

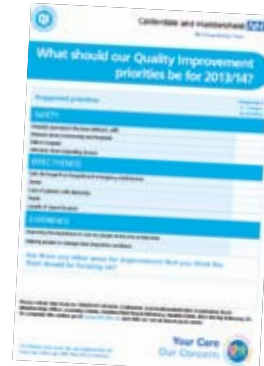
Every Trust in the country selects its own priorities and the progress in each of these fields is regularly monitored and measured. The overall progress in each of them is then published in our Quality Account at the end of the year so the public can see what has been

achieved as we strive to improve the quality of care.

This year we are hoping to make it easier for more of you to get involved with a simple questionnaire to tell us what is important to you. There is a version on our website until the end of February which can be accessed via the "let us know your view" link on our website at [www.cht.nhs.uk](http://www.cht.nhs.uk)

Also inside this newsletter is a simple form to fill in which can be sent back Freepost before February 22.

Once we get your views we can draw up a list of what matters most to you so it can become central to all our work over the next year.



This is part of a wider consultation which will also include patients, partner organisations and the public. Of course, the issues which aren't selected will still continue to be important to us and work will continue in those areas.

The choices again include infection control as that continues to be one of the most high profile concerns for our patients.

Chairman Andrew Haigh said: "I would urge our members to get involved in this simple process which sets the priorities for the year ahead so that all together we are driving up quality and improving patient care. "Thanks for your support."



The PCI team

## 400 undergo local heart procedure

**MORE than 400 men and women from Calderdale and Huddersfield have now undergone a specialist heart procedure locally and been able to go home the next day.**

The procedure, called percutaneous coronary intervention (pci) or angioplasty and stenting, was introduced last summer at Calderdale Royal Hospital, replacing the previous need for residents of Kirklees and Calderdale to go to Leeds for the care.

The stent is a small tube, made of a metal mesh which is inserted

to widen the coronary artery that has become narrowed, with the aim of improving the blood and oxygen supply to the heart. Usually a patient can return home the next day without a long stay in hospital.

Glyn Armstrong, 57, an airline pilot, from Uppertong, Huddersfield, is one of the most recent of the 400 patients. He said: "The care from start to finish was amazing. I honestly believe I could not have paid for it and got any better. I went to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary A&E at 5.30 pm on

a Monday, had been transferred and had the procedure at Calderdale Royal Hospital by Tuesday afternoon and went home on the Wednesday."



Right: Glyn Armstrong

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# Trust news round-up

**NEW BLOOD TESTING FACILITY:** In January a new blood testing department opened at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. It moved from the sub-basement into a new suite on the ground floor and provides an increased, brighter waiting area and extra cubicles for increased capacity. The team take 11,000 blood samples a week as part of the diagnosis process for a whole range of conditions including diabetes.



The team on Ward 4

## Ward 4 – three years all clear...

THE TRUST has recorded a major milestone in the fight against infections. The team on ward 4 at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary has notched up 1,000 days without a single case of C-difficile, (C-diff).

The Trust's record in infection prevention continues to improve in the face of increasingly challenging annual targets.

Our figures have fallen overall from 167 cases in 2008/09 when records started to 33 last year. This year's target is 33. Senior infection control nurse Jean Robinson, said: "It is very much on-going work because we do not want even one of our patients to pick up C-diff. I would like to congratulate Ward 4 on an awesome effort and thank

everyone across the Trust who has embraced infection prevention measures over the years for our patients."

\*\* Two other wards are heading for this major landmark. Ward 15 at HRI and ward 6D at CRH have both had more than 900 days without a case. C-diff is spread by spores so hand-washing and a clean environment are key.

## Surgeons develop their skills

STUDENT surgeons from around the country have attended the latest session of the intercollegiate basic skills training hosted by the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust.

Places on the training sessions, accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons, are hugely popular due to the high ratio of surgeons to students and confirms the Trust's status as an associate teaching hospital.

Surgeons Munther Aldoori and Pedro Ballester with more than 15 years of experience between them headed up the teaching teams. Students in hospitals from Durham, Birmingham and Manchester are among this intake. They



A student practices a vein graft helped by Munther Aldoori, right

learned skills for 16 hours during the intense two-day course.

Mr Aldoori, said: "We are very

proud that this course is attracting students from all over the country due to the quality of teaching."

## Friends and family initiative

OUR Trust has started a pilot scheme asking our patients as they leave us: "Would you recommend us to your friends and family?"

It is a national scheme called Friends and Family which will be introduced across the whole of the NHS in April in a bid to drive up standards.

The pilot starts on February 1 in the following areas; 8a/b and maternity ward at CRH, SAU at HRI, MAU at both sites and short stay at HRI.

Inpatients at our Trust will shortly be given a postcard on discharge and asked to fill it in and return to us by freepost. There will also be the opportunity to respond online

once they are back at home.

The results will be collected nationally and published to find out the most recommended hospitals and the ones where patients have not been so happy.

Deputy Director of Nursing, Jackie Murphy, said: "This is the best way and the quickest way to make changes to improve.

"As soon as we get the feedback it will go back to the ward and, where necessary, improvements will be made as soon as possible.

"After all, it is the patients' perception of the care that we provide that is what really counts."



Ward 19 reopened on December 24 after a major refurbishment to provide some of the best patient facilities in the country. All the rooms are single or two or three bedded with ensuite facilities. The ward has multi nurse stations to make sure staff are easily accessible for patients and their families and it has state-of-the-art equipment installed such as hoists. In the picture are nutritionist Mary Mercer, patient Gloria Scadden and sister Renee Comerford on Ward 19.



Theatres team

## Fan-'tache-tic effort for November

Our staff put in a fan-'tache-tic effort taking part in November – the annual moustache growing campaign to raise funds for research and awareness about men's health conditions

## Parking charges rise

IN JANUARY the Trust introduced the first increase in car parking charges for seven years.

The rise in fees will cover the increased costs of car park management and improving car parking operations for our patients and visitors.

The amount of free car parking time for visitors increased by 50 per cent from 30 mins to 45 mins to benefit visitors attending for small procedures such

as blood tests and the rate for up to 24 hours will remain the same at £5.

The other charges will then be: up to two hours - £2; up to four hours - £3.70.

Free parking will remain for patients with certain conditions, who need to attend the Trust regularly, and in exceptional circumstances for some visitors, as agreed in advance with ward staff.

To read the press releases, visit the Latest News section on the home page of our website [www.cht.nhs.uk](http://www.cht.nhs.uk)

# Facing the challenges of the future head-on

LAST year we told you about the work our Trust was involved in with partners across Calderdale and Huddersfield, including hospitals, local authorities and healthcare providers to carry out a review of services.

Locally, health and social care services face a number of challenges and opportunities, all of which are linked to growing and changing health needs and also the major developments in treatments available. Together we must look at these

issues and work to respond to them – staying the same is not an option.

Our work started in August last year with the establishment of the 'Calderdale and Huddersfield Health and Social Care Strategic Review Programme' and agreeing four service areas as the focus for the work. These are unplanned care, planned care, long term care and children's care. The care streams brought together



expertise including clinicians, social care professionals and commissioning leads to look at the issues and how services could be developed to meet rising

demands and changing health needs.

Another important part of this early phase of the programme was to look at the information previously collected from stakeholders, including patients, service users and local groups, about services. Since November we have also been carrying out targeted engagement activities with our diverse population to build a picture of what they like about existing services and

what they would change and to hear their experiences of care. To date we have engaged with more than 2,000 people, through events and surveys.

The programme leads for the Strategic Review are now working their way through the important insight gathered and will use this to shape the care model options so we can ensure the right care is available at the right time and in the right place.



If you want to know more about this Trust, its staff and its services, from the people at its centre then Medicine for Members events are for you. The Trust has a programme of events, led by experts in their field. After their presentations the floor is opened for questions and answers which always leads to a lively debate. So if you haven't tried them yet, have a look at the programme below and book yourself in! It is our pleasure to welcome you to meet us.

# A learning experience

## Medicine 4 Members

### OUR two most recent Medicine 4 Members events proved a real hit.

Dr Rob Moisey (diabetes) and Jackie Hallam (maternity services) gave their presentations to packed lecture theatres at both hospitals.

Midwife Jackie's talk in October about how our huge maternity department is coordinated to deliver around 6,000 babies a year appealed to many who were considering a job as a midwife, to midwifery students and even a mum-to-be and a granny-to-be attended to find out more.

Three Huddersfield university students taking a foundation in science year are all hoping to become midwives. Sally Sommerville from Shepley, Tracy McMinn from Liversedge and Clare Standish from Lockwood came together to gain more information on entering this highly competitive field. Sally said: "I have always been interested in medicine and the human body. For me, midwifery will be a fab job, I know there will be ups and downs but to be helping mums through that experience would be amazing!"

### Diabetes events – November

Dr Rob Moisey highlighted the fact that caring for rising numbers

of patients with diabetes now takes up 10% of the total NHS budget and is still increasing. One of the main reasons for this increase is the rise in obesity.

The complications of diabetes were highlighted and Dr Moisey spoke about the range of services at our Trust for managing them such as ophthalmology, interventional radiology (including heart stents) and podiatry. Current and new treatments were discussed including the recent development of diabetes drugs that also help weight loss.

New members Ken and Elaine Cheslett, from Luddendenfoot, were first timers at Dr Moisey's CRH talk. Ken, a retired building control surveyor, and his wife, an accountancy secretary, wanted to join to be more involved with their local NHS.

Ken said: "I am concerned about what is happening nationally with the NHS. People need to get involved and I am trying to do that, I want to have a better understanding of what is happening at the moment."

Elaine, said: "I am a firm supporter of the NHS, it makes us the envy of the world, and I don't want to see it under threat."



Above: At the maternity event: from left, Sally Sommerville from Shepley, Tracy McMinn from Liversedge and Clare Standish from Lockwood. Left: Ken and Elaine Cheslett at the diabetes event

## Members' Events Calendar 2013

Here's our programme of M4M events for the rest of the year. We hope there is something for everyone! These popular events must be booked in advance. However, anyone who is not a member can book and we will be happy to sign them up as a member at the event itself. Please book your place via e-mail [membership@cht.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@cht.nhs.uk). Reserved places will be confirmed back via e-mail. Alternatively you can contact the Membership Office on **01484 347342**. If you have booked a place at a forthcoming event, but can no longer attend, please let our membership office know so that your place can be offered to another member.

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER	VENUE	START
Monday 4th March	'A day in the life of .... an Estates & Facilities Matron'	Christine Bentley, Estates & Facilities Matron	Lecture Theatre, CRH	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Thursday 7th March	'A day in the life of .... an Estates & Facilities Matron'	Christine Bentley, Estates & Facilities Matron	Lecture Theatre, HRI	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Tuesday 23rd April	'Bugs & Drugs'	Antibiotics Pharmacists, Louise Tweddell and Sandra Martin	Lecture Theatre, HRI	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Tuesday 30th April	'Bugs & Drugs'	Antibiotics Pharmacists, Louise Tweddell and Sandra Martin	Lecture Theatre, CRH	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Monday 24th June	'A day in the life of .... an orthopaedic surgeon'	Professor Gautam Chakrabarty	Lecture Theatre, HRI	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER	VENUE	START
Thursday 27th June	'A day in the life of .... an orthopaedic surgeon'	Professor Gautam Chakrabarty	Lecture Theatre, CRH	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Monday 7th October	'Old age expectations and realities'	Dr John Naylor, Consultant Physician in Medicine for the Elderly	Lecture Theatre, HRI	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Thursday 10th October	'Old age expectations and realities'	Dr John Naylor, Consultant Physician in Medicine for the Elderly	Lecture Theatre, CRH	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Thursday 21st November	'Your Test Results – what do they mean?'	Paula Rosbotham, General Manager, Pathology Services	Lecture Theatre CRH	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm
Monday 25th November	'Your Test Results – what do they mean?'	Paula Rosbotham, General Manager, Pathology Services	Lecture Theatre HRI	Registration 5.30pm Presentation 6pm

## Successful AGM



Winner Frances Rogers and Kathy Green from the membership team, right

OUR 2012 annual general meeting was held at the Shay Stadium in Halifax – a new departure to move off the Trust premises – and was very popular.

Members were invited to come along and see for themselves the development plans for each of our divisions and invited to give their views on them.

On the night, there was also a free draw for everyone who attended to

win Co-op vouchers – donated by our pharmacy partners. The winners were:

1st prize: (£100) Mrs Frances Rogers, public member, pictured, with membership officer Kathy Green; 2nd prize: (£50) Bernice Howland, staff member; 3rd prize: (£25) Mahendranath Jamookeeah, staff member; 4th prize: (£25) Sarah Buckingham, public member.

## Direct from us to you

IN THE last edition we invited members to put questions to our chief executive Owen Williams and chairman Andrew Haigh.

Thankyou for your responses and comments.

In this edition we are replying to a man who raised questions about food and the ward environment after his wife spent some time with us as an inpatient at Calderdale Royal Hospital.

**First** of all he wanted to know how the Trust makes sure it provides special food and drink requirements for patients who may have allergies or intolerances.

We make every effort to try to ensure our patients' dietary requirements are met and, working with our suppliers, are able to offer a variety of menus to suit most needs.

We have a system in place where special requirements should be logged on the patient's notes during a pre-op assessment ahead of the day they are admitted for their care.

The information would then be



Chief executive Owen Williams, left, and chairman Andrew Haigh

available to staff on the admissions day so the food and drink requirements could then be ordered for the duration of a patient's stay with us. We liaise with our food supplier to identify a range of suitable products for a particular allergy so we can prepare suitable meals. We are constantly looking at ways this system can be improved by working with our dietitians.

When a patient is an unplanned admission a nutritional assessment

is carried out at admission and, if necessary, a care plan is developed and supplements ordered or a referral to a dietitian can be made.

A **second** question raised was one about our single room accommodation and how these are allocated.

Our single rooms are allocated on clinical need, including isolating infections so that these do not spread to other patients, and they are used by the most poorly patients. **Thirdly**, he asked if we could hang thicker curtains at the windows to reduce the amount of light they let in. This is a difficult one.

We have to strike a fine balance between reducing the light for patients at night and, at the same time, make sure staff can work safely during the night-time. At the moment at HRI we are introducing blinds in the windows rather than curtains.

If you have a question for Owen and Andrew, email: [membersquestions@cht.nhs.uk](mailto:membersquestions@cht.nhs.uk) and put question into the subject line.



Meet the Council Member – SPECIAL EDITION

Two of our longest serving Membership Councillors retire this year after many years with us. Bernard Pierce and Janette Roberts were amongst our very first councillors and have played a very important role since joining us. They have been a pleasure to work with thanks to their unstinting enthusiasm and dedication for local healthcare services. Meet them both here.....

Tell us about some of your involvement with CHFT

**Bernard:** In addition to attending and chairing meetings I have been involved in inspections, audits and working groups and, more importantly, working with patients in helping them to get their concerns dealt with appropriately with satisfactory outcomes.

**Janette:** Before I became a membership councillor I carried out PEAT (Patient Environment Action Team) inspections and represented patients on the Gynae Forum. I have chaired estates and facilities and at the moment am chair of the medicine division meetings. I am also lead governor and deputy chair of the membership council.

What have you learned about CHFT that you didn't know before?

**B:** Its size! Especially the extent of all those good things that go on behind the scenes eg laboratories, laundry, patient records etc  
**J:** The complexity of the organisation and all the demands on the Trust to fulfil its obligations to bodies such as Monitor and CQC (Care Quality Commission). There



is a lot of form filling required by staff.

What do you think is your best achievement with us?

**B:** Being involved from the outset on working groups setting up the system whereby patients receive copies of clinicians' letters to GPs.  
**J:** Ensuring that we worked sensitively with the organisation but still asked searching questions so the patients' views are heard and taken into consideration.

What would you say to anyone thinking about becoming a councillor?

**B:** Be involved! It's not just about attending meetings.  
**J:** Being a councillor means you can influence the Trust for the benefit of so many people in our region.

After so many years with us what do you think CHFT's strengths are?

**B:** Always endeavouring to meet its commitment to "Your Care our Concern". Involving patients in decisions about their treatment (Still some way to go but we are getting there!). Listening - to public, patients, and each other.  
**J:** It is patient-focused, working hard to provide care which is considered, planned and actively seeking to improve.

If you could pick one job with the Trust what would it be and why?

**B:** Working in patient advice and liaison or similar. I enjoy helping patients and trying to resolve their concerns.  
**J:** I would like to be back on the wards nursing - except I don't think the back and knees are up to it!



How do you see the future for CHFT

**B:** We are in difficult times and driven by things out of our control like austerity and complete change in the shape and structure of the NHS. It is important that all are vigilant in working to save the NHS and its founding principles. However I think CHFT has a better chance of doing this than many others  
**J:** There will be hard decisions ahead, however I am sure the considered leadership and hardworking staff will do their best to give this locality a high quality service.

Pick out your highlight(s) from your time with the Trust

**B:** Implementation of copying of letters to patients; successful outcomes in working with patients; recognition in the community I represent; support I have been given by hospital

"I would like to be back on the wards nursing – except I don't think the back and knees are up to it!"

staff and the friends made.  
**J:** Developing the Membership Council to build a good working relationship with staff at all levels in the Trust to ensure patients' views are constantly represented.

And your favourite memory of being a councillor?

**B:** Being involved in Celebrating Success, judging the participants, attending the awards and not forgetting the celebration in Elland, especially with everybody bopping until the late hours!!  
**J:** The laughter from misunderstandings of situations and the technical terms we had to learn. The yellow card system so if anyone starts talking in jargon they get shown the card and have to explain it to us all. Great fun!

Thankyou both for everything!!

Creating closer links for better health

THE Health and Social Care Act 2012 has introduced a variety of changes aimed at improving accountability and governance procedures within Foundation Trusts. A number of these specifically relate to how the Membership Council and Trust Board can work more effectively together.

Our Trust set up a group last summer comprising two non-executive directors (Peter Roberts and Alison Fisher), two directors (Helen Thomson and Julie Hull) and two membership councillors (Janette Roberts and Peter Middleton) to determine the way forward according to the Act. The Trust was already doing many of the things that good practice would suggest but the exercise has proved to be a good opportunity to see how we can improve things even further.

Their recommendations for our Trust so far include:  
● Closer working between the councillors and the Trust Board to ensure the Trust is meeting its targets and achieving its quality standards. In future there will be two extra meetings a year to strengthen the links between councillors and non-executive directors and an additional workshop with the full Board.  
● Membership councillors getting a more in depth understanding of the Trust's finances by having a representative attend audit and risk committees and financial briefings.

Further work is now going to be carried out by the Membership Councillors to look at examples of best practice from other Foundation Trusts to see if there are further areas where closer working will be beneficial which we are not already doing.

Chairman Andrew Haigh, said: "Close working is at the heart of a good performing Trust which has quality care at the heart of everything we do. Having the councillors' input is crucial to this."

Elections, by-elections and current list of councillors

Since our last edition, elections and by-elections have been held and new membership councillors have been elected to join our team. We are pleased to welcome them and look forward to close working for the benefit of our patients in the months ahead. They are:

**Public**  
**Martin Urmston** is a physiotherapist and lives in Heptonstall, Calderdale. He is married with one son.  
**Andrew Sykes**, from Holmfirth, is a Chartered Management Accountant. He is married with two sons and enjoys walking.



**Marlene Chambers** is a retired youth-worker from Mirfield. She has three children and six grandchildren.  
**Stakeholder**  
**Professor John Playle** is Dean of Humanities and Health Sciences at the University of Huddersfield. He is married with four children and lives in Honley.  
**Staff**  
**Eileen Hamer** is the Trust's Pharmacy Operations Manager and works at both hospitals. She has been at the Trust for 23 years. She lives in Birchcliffe and has two daughters.



● In the recent by-elections the following new membership councillors were elected uncontested:  
**Constituency 5** (Brighouse, Elland, Greetland, Stainland, Rastrick, Skircoat) – Vic Siswick;  
**Constituency 6** (Bingley Rural, Clayton, Great Horton, Hipperholme, Lightcliffe, Illingworth, Northowram, Shelf, Odsal, Queensbury, Thornton, Tong, Wibsey, Wyke) - Johanna Turner; one vacancy remains  
**Constituency 7** (Mixenden, Ovenden, St John's, Sowerby Bridge, Town, Warley) - Kate Wileman;



**Constituency 10** (Allied Health Professionals/ Healthcare Scientists/ Pharmacists ) - Avril Henson.  
Chairman Andrew Haigh, said: "We are very grateful to our new councillors for showing such an interest and wanting to be involved with this Trust. We look forward to their contributions over the coming months in helping us shape our services for our patients."  
\*There will be another election for membership councillors over this summer. We will be writing to all members, who will be entitled to vote, to keep them fully informed. If you would be interested in becoming a councillor then contact Ruth Mason for a confidential chat on 01484 342668.



**LIST OF COUNCILLORS**  
**Public - elected**  
**Christine Breare** is a retired general dental practitioner. Married with two sons and five grandchildren, she lives in Upper Hopton near Mirfield. Chris is a church warden and secretary of the Upper Hopton Community Association.  
**Lisa Francis** is a radiography student at the University of Huddersfield. She has two daughters and lives in Rastrick. Lisa is a Governor at Woodhouse Primary School.  
**Peter John Middleton** is a former managing director of a plastic manufacturing company. Married with four grown up children he lives in Kirkburton. Peter is a supporter of November, a campaign to promote awareness about men's health issues.  
**Bernard Pierce**, of Mytholmroyd, has a background in social work and then in medical education at both undergraduate and post-graduate level. He was a lecturer at the Leeds School of Medicine and at the Yorkshire Deanery.

**Janette Roberts**, of Meltham, was head teacher of a community primary school in Rochdale and two multicultural schools in Wakefield. Now retired, she is a former member of the Patient Liaison Committee of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and is currently involved in clinical audit and various cancer groups.  
**Liz Schofield** was a business advisor with HM Revenue and Customs. Now retired, she is the support officer for the Halifax and Calder Valley MS Society. Liz lives in Calderdale.  
**Harjinder Singh Sandhu** is married with three children and lives in Kirklees. He is self-employed in a private hire business.  
**Linda Wild** is married with one daughter and lives in Huddersfield. She graduated at the University of Huddersfield. Strongly committed to community involvement and engagement, she is a former Kirklees Councillor.  
**Wendy Wood** was a tutor in adult education and a primary school teacher. She was a magistrate in Huddersfield

then Dewsbury for many years and is a member of the Huddersfield and District Family History Society and the Youth Hostel Association. Wendy has four children, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and lives in Kirklees.  
**Staff - elected**  
**Chris Bentley** is matron of the estates & facilities and corporate divisions. Her previous post was Matron within the division of medicine. She lives in Kirklees and has one daughter.  
**Julie Couldwell** is a clinical nurse manager in Children's Acute Services and Lead Directorate Nurse at the Trust. She lives in Kirklees.  
**Liz Farnell** is a nursing auxiliary on ward 6 at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. Prior to this appointment, she worked at the Calderdale Royal Hospital. She lives in Calderdale.  
**Mary Kiely** is a consultant in palliative medicine at the Trust and Kirkwood Hospice. She is the lead clinician for palliative care

at the Trust. Mary lives in Kirklees.  
**Stakeholders – nominated**  
**Sue Cannon** is executive director of quality and engagement at NHS Calderdale. Prior to this appointment she worked for NHS Leeds.  
**Jan Giles** is assistant director of commissioning for NHS Kirklees. She has three children and lives in Kirklees.  
**Bob Metcalfe** is a Calderdale councillor for the Halifax town ward and cabinet member for Adults, Health and Social Care. He is the former chair of Calderdale Council's Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel. A retired purchasing manager, he is a member of the Risk Management & Audit Committee of the Together Housing Group (formerly Trans Pennine Housing) and lives in Halifax.  
**Dawn Stephenson** is director of corporate development for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. She is a voluntary trustee of Kirklees Active Leisure and the Dr Jackson Cancer Fund. Dawn is married with one son and lives in Huddersfield.

Who sits on what?

- **Remuneration and Terms of Services – Chair & Non Executive Directors (NEDs)**  
Lisa Francis, Jan Giles, Eileen Hamer, Bernard Pierce, Janette Roberts, Wendy Wood
- **Nominations Sub Committee Chair and NEDs**  
Chris Breare, Peter Middleton, John Playle, Linda Wild
- **AGM Planning Sub Group**  
Chris Bentley, Chris Breare, Liz Farnell, Bob Metcalfe, Janette Roberts
- **Children, Women and Families (CWF) Divisional Reference Group**  
Chris Breare, Marlene Chambers, Liz Farnell, Lisa Francis, Eileen Hamer

- **Surgical and Anaesthetics Divisional Reference Group**  
Bernard Pierce, Mary Kiely, Janette Roberts, Andrew Sykes, Linda Wild
- **Diagnostic and Therapeutic Divisional Reference Group**  
Julie Couldwell, Peter Middleton, Bernard Pierce, Liz Schofield, Wendy Wood
- **Division of Medicine Reference Group**  
Chris Bentley, Marlene Chambers, Janette Roberts, Liz Schofield, Martin Urmston
- **Estates and Facilities Divisional Reference Group**  
Chris Breare, Liz Farnell, Peter Middleton, Harjinder Singh Sandhu, Martin Urmston, Wendy Wood

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