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GP Update

LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRUST

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New oncology suite opens

The Trust has opened a brand new Oncology suite, Greenlea Unit, at HRI and it situated on former ward 7.

Prof JK Joffe talked of his delight to be celebrating the opening of the unit after 16 years in the planning and waiting stages.

He also thanked everyone from architects, estates, Interserve and Jammal for "being fantastic and ensuring every crisis was sorted calmly and quickly".

Thanks also went to the chemotherapy



and outpatient nurses and doctors, all the health care assistants, domestics, porters,

caterers and electronics experts, Paxman coolers and all medical staff. Volunteer Carol

Armitage, snipped the ribbon after being on the unit from the start. She said: "On behalf

Carol Armitage snipping the ribbon

of all volunteers past and present can I say how much it means to us to help on this ward. Over the years I have met some wonderful people and it is a pleasure to do what we do for them.

In the 20 years I have been here there have been so many changes but the care remains the same. All the wonderful staff provide a wonderful service and this new place will help them to continue with their magnificent work."

Calderdale Community Matrons

The team is made up of 10 members who work across the community, involving working with complex patients with long term conditions and who are identified at risk of hospital admission.

The team help individuals with self-management plans and aim to improve their quality of life.

One of the targets is to have less than 10% of the caseload attending A&E. The latest results show only 1.9% attending A&E. To achieve this, the team work with the Virtual ward, hospital discharge teams and GP practices to identify patients at risk of admission.

Each patient under their care will have an individualised emergency



care plan. The plans are also aimed to inform paramedics, and in some cases the paramedics will call the team for advice in order to make reductions in admissions.

Clinical Lead Andrea Beevers said: "We support our patient's journey and rather than the patient experiencing a fragmented service, we aim to make it as seamless as possible". Alan Johnson said: "We

are a very close team, supportive of each other. We are quite unique in that we are autonomous practitioners, coordinating and liaising with other professionals to provide a high standard of quality care. We are also developing a 'Knowledge Portal' online to promote and share knowledge and skills with other clinicians to promote improvements in practice and care".

It Asda be our Calderdale Community Midwives...

Our community midwives from CRH are holding a 'Meet the Midwives' event on November 6th to make people more aware of the clinic they run at Halifax's Asda.

The event aims to promote community midwifery, services & other support services that are available, as well as focusing on some health services.

During the event, the midwives will have an antenatal and postnatal drop in session which will also involve specialist midwives.

Tommy's charity, which funds research into stillbirth, premature birth and miscarriage, have collaborated with our community midwives to work alongside them at the event.



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News Round-up

Trust consultant delivers lecture

Emergency consultant Dr Paul Jarvis delivered two lectures at the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (EM) 2015 Annual Scientific Conference.

It was a sell-out, held in Manchester last month with a central theme '24 Hour Emergency Medicine

People: the Specialty That Never Sleeps'.

Dr Jarvis's lectures covered Point of Care Testing (POCT) which is the terminology for the analysing of blood tests at patient's bedside rather than in the hospital centralised laboratory.

The facility is now available in both

Emergency department sites within our Trust.

POCT is used across other Trusts, but our Trust is the first in the UK to use it to such an extent in the emergency department.

Consultant Paul Jarvis, left, and charge nurse, Christian O'Boyle



Trust's new associate director of nursing



Paul Moore with Sarah Bray, left, and Maria Snowball from Ward 15

Paul Moore has recently joined CHFT with 25 years' experience within the NHS in Manchester, Leeds and London.

He has worked in senior roles in risk and quality governance, and has been a clinical tutor and Emergency Nurse, winning awards for innovation, governance and safety management.

Paul has also specialised in helping boards and senior leadership teams increase their capacity to handle risk, and supported a number of NHS trusts to resolve regulatory concerns.

He joins CHFT as our new associate director of nursing.

Alice sees success in awards

Our Eye Clinic Liaison Officer who provides support for patients with eye conditions at HRI has won a top national award.

Alice Elliott, based in Acre Mills has won the Macular Society's Support and Community Rehabilitation Professional of the Year Award.

Alice, on an honorary contract with the Trust from Action for Blind People, supports adults and children and their families after a diagnosis and she advises on benefits and entitlements and school matters for younger patients. She receives up to 40 new

Award: Alice Elliott



referrals every month.

She said: "People react in many different ways to a diagnosis, especially if it has come as a shock. Younger people of working age in particular are in need of support especially if

they can't drive any more and driving is integral to their work. I can't wave a magic wand but I can help them feel they are not on their own and support them so they know there is help through the

Our eye clinic liaison officer Alice Elliott

adjustments they are going to make. Where children are affected then it is about supporting the whole family."

She said you need patience, empathy and persistence to make a success of her role and was thrilled to have been nominated by consultant ophthalmologist Rehna Khan for the award – and even more stunned to be the overall winner.

She will collect her award at the Macular Society Conference in London on September 26.

Highly commended in book 'Oscars'

Our consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon David Mitchell's book 'An Introduction to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery' was "Highly Commended" in Specialist Surgery at the BMA Book 'Oscars' in London.

He was up against a staggering 637 submissions from other publishers.

The textbook was co-written with colleagues from Germany and America and covers the

whole specialty and is wide ranging from undergraduates to specialists about to take their Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons exams after up to 20 years of training.

He said: "It was good to get to the finals and be highly commended as there were so many entries. I have been lucky to work with a wonderful team at this Trust."



David and the Maxillofacial Team

FOCUS ON... Theatres Action Week



Catherine Aldous, Sharron Berry, Maggy Metcalfe, Ryan Matthews and Rob Birkett



Julia Watson, Allison Holmes and Vicki Sillitoe



Rachel Gavin, Maxine Romain, Clare Andrews, Jacob Miah, Darren Kirk and Jeanette Whitwam

With 17 Theatres across our Trust and numerous teams involved in the patient journey, we recently staged Theatres Action Week to take a closer at how we run our theatres and how we can ensure we provide the best safe, compassionate care for the people we serve.

Volunteers from across the Trust, who don't normally see the work in

theatres, were invited to join in as observers, offering different perspectives to a number of the processes involved.

Board secretary Kathy Bray, was among the many volunteers from non-clinical departments such as finance, admin and estates to join in. She said: "I would like to say thanks for the opportunity – it was a great experience and if I had done it 20 years ago I

might have had a different career in the NHS! It gave me an insight into the many challenges facing theatre staff in terms of both limited time and staffing available"

Estates Director Lesley Hill, our executive lead for theatre productivity, said: "The teamwork was superb. From very early on the nurses were running around getting the patient and theatres ready for our patients, the surgeons

and anaesthetists. There is so much preparation involved to ensure our theatres service runs smoothly." She said other initiatives including contacting patients two days beforehand to ensure they were still fit and ready for surgery also helped. People being on time, reliable IT and equipment in full working order also contributed to the week.

Membership Councillor

Peter Middleton joined the dental list at HRI. He said: "What comes across is the huge enthusiasm of the teams. They have that spark of wanting to make it happen. Yes, the analysis and data will come out in due course but what was very evident on the day, when I was there, was the overriding impression of enthusiasm and commitment to make it successful for our patients."

Service update

SALT

The community speech and learning therapy (SALT) service is now being provided by Locala in Greater Huddersfield.

In Calderdale community SALT currently has a vacancy post which we are recruiting to. In the short term a locum is in post.

One of the team members is triaging all the new referrals and is prioritising patients based on their clinical need.

The current community

SALT waiting list is 13 weeks with 80 patients on it.

Any queries, contact Nicola Sheehan on 01422 224184.

Out-patient Physiotherapy

The waiting list is currently 16 weeks. We have recently filled some Band 6 posts who are due in post soon and have also taken on a couple of locums. We are also looking at innovative ways of managing referrals differently. Any queries, contact Nicola Sheehan on 01422 224184.

Vicki's double success

Vicki Bergin, our dietetic assistant, has recently completed a Higher



Education Certificate in Nutritional Health from Leeds Beckett and collected the 'VitaFlo Prize for Nutrition in Practice'. This is a special award for colleagues who are: enthusiastically and actively embracing lifelong learning; embedding new nutrition knowledge

gained in front line care; demonstrating patient/client focused activities; championing the support worker role in health and social care; conducting themselves in a professional manner throughout the programme of study.

Vicki said: "I am over the moon with this achievement! I really do enjoy my role and I am lucky to work within a positive, enthusiastic and supportive team."

Flu jab take-up

As we went to press more than 1,500 colleagues at CHFT had taken advantage of their annual flu vaccination.

Getting vaccinated not only protects our workforce, it keeps our patients safe too. Win-win we'd say.



Consultant appointed president-elect of Society



Nick Scriven, Adrian Kennedy, Heather Broughton, Lindsay Baxter, Pam King, Victoria Atkinson, Margaret Lord, Kerrylyn McMeo, Martin Hennersey

Our consultant in Acute Medicine, Nick Scriven, has been appointed to the prestigious position of president-elect on the Society of Acute Medicine.

Two years from now he will become the President of the organisation set up about 15 years ago and now representing 900 consultants, trainee doctors, nurses and AHPs

nationwide working in the speciality.

Nick, 47, who has been at our Trust for 14 years, says his new role will be "Busy, scary and responsible."

Acute Medicine is the speciality covering the immediate care of patients and in some cases up until 72 hrs after admission, with

non-surgical conditions such as pneumonia, COPD, dementia/delirium, cardiac problems and GI bleeds.

Dr Scriven, born in Norwich and trained in the Midlands, praised all his colleagues – nurses, occupational therapists and doctors – in the successful multi-disciplinary approach at CHFT.

Consultant leavers

- Dr Huw Griffiths 30.9.15, Medical acute
- Mr Amjid Mohammed 30.9.15, Emergency medicine
- Dr Robert Briggs 04.10.15, Radiology

- Dr Jane Keighley 07.10.15, Gynaecology
- Dr Robert Atkinson 14.10.15, Medical acute

Waiting times update

Waiting Times Snapshot as at 30 September 2015

SPECIALTY	FIRST O/P	DAY CASE	ELECTIVE I/P
General Surgery	12	9	10
Urology	12	10	7
Trauma and Orthopaedics	10	10	11
Ear, nose and throat	11	13	13
Ophthalmology	12	11	7
Oral Surgery	11	9	6
Plastic Surgery	10	10	8
Pain Management	14	10	–
Gen.Med inc (Diabetes)	7	6	
Respiratory Med	8	Bronch's – 9	
Gastroenterology	9	6	
Haematology	7		
Cardiology	8	Angiography – 6 Pacemaker – 6	
Dermatology	13		
Nephrology	7		
Medical Oncology	1		
Neurology	9		
Rheumatology	8		
Elderly Medicine	5		
Paediatrics	7		
Gynaecology	5	10	10

Radiology waiting times as at 30 September 2015

Please note the waiting is the same at both sites

	Cross Site	CRH	HRI
MRI	6		
CT	5		
Ultrasound – general	6		
Ultrasound - Musculoskeletal	4		
Ultrasound - Vascular	4		
Fluoroscopy - Upper GI	4		
Fluoroscopy Barium Enema (not performed at present)			
Nuclear Medicine- Bone	3		
Nuclear Medicine- Cardiac	4		
Nuclear Medicine- Others	6		
Mammography	0		
DEXA Scans		2	

Key to main waiting times update

FIRST OP = GP Referred (routine) First Outpatient Attendance. Times shown are Maximum wait times (in weeks) as at end September 2015.

DAY CASE AND ELECTIVE INPATIENT

Times shown are average Wait Times (in weeks) from Referral to Treatment (Outpatient wait times are included within this figure) for September 2015 admissions.

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