

Foundation News

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS

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New co-ordinated approach lands top prize



Here is our Discharge Team – winners of the overall top prize at our Celebrating Success 2017 staff awards night. The team impressed the judges with their new, co-ordinated approach working with partners in social care and in community to ensure our patients receive all the on-going care and support they need when they leave hospital. Read more about their win and other highlights inside.

It's been an honour



A big welcome (and a farewell too) to this edition of Foundation News.

I say farewell as this will be the very last time for me as in April I am standing down after seven years as chairman at CHFT – a post I have been honoured and proud to hold.

To say it's been an "all hands on deck" start to this year would be an understatement with the NHS winter pressures very much in the news both nationally and locally.

Here at CHFT we have been really challenged yet our teams have moved areas and moved shifts to ensure we can continue to deliver safe care to our patients. A massive thanks to all involved.

This year will also see some important decisions about the future of the Trust – so, exciting times, and without doubt another roller coaster of a year ahead in the year our beloved NHS turns 70.

What a landmark! Caring, dedicated colleagues providing free care at the point of contact from 1948 to 2018 and a reputation which makes us the envy of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the NHS a Happy Birthday year and to also thank all my governors for their continued support to me – and my successor later this year.

A very big thank-you. It's been a pleasure and a privilege.

Best wishes
Andrew Haigh,
Chairman

Give us your views on priorities

AGAIN we are asking our members to tell us what aspects of healthcare are most important to them.

Our Quality Account sets out some extra priorities for the year ahead and every year we ask our members to vote on the options.

The key areas fall

into three categories: safety, effectiveness and experience with two choices in each to pick from.

This year they are listed right and you can vote on the homepage of our website now: www.cht.nhs.uk. The deadline is February 21.

● After this edition, we will no longer be sending out paper copies of *Foundation News* as costs of producing it and posting it out are becoming prohibitive. Instead we will be emailing it out so please ensure we have an up-to-date email address for you by emailing membership@cht.nhs.uk. Thank-you.

Safety	Sepsis – we want to improve how we identify and treat patients with sepsis in our Emergency Departments to give them the best care at the earliest stage.
Safety	Caring for Acutely Ill Patients – we want to improve care through recognition and improved responses.
Effectiveness	We want to improve the assessment of patients with wounds in the community.
Effectiveness	Improving how our patients progress through our hospitals from admission to discharge.
Experience	Our End of Life collaborative improves the care we can offer to patients who are at the end of their lives.
Experience	We want to launch a new campaign aimed at improving the Patient Experience.

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RIGHT CARE

RIGHT TIME

RIGHT PLACE

Latest news on proposed changes to our services

BACK in March 2016, the Right Care, Right Time, Right Place consultation was launched by our GP partners on the Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Groups.

The proposals would reshape the way healthcare is provided locally so our communities continue to have a sustainable, full range of services provided by our two hospitals and colleagues in community into the future.

In July 2017 the proposals were discussed by local councillors from Calderdale and Kirklees on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny group.

They referred them to Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, and his decision is due this spring.

An application by campaigners for a Judicial Review was refused at the High Court in January this year.

We will keep our members updated by email as soon as the key decisions are announced.

Best ever



IN NOVEMBER 2017, we had three teams in the finals of the prestigious *Nursing Times* awards in London, our best ever performance.

Well done to teams from lung cancer care, continence care and HOOP – Hospital out of hours programme.

CHFT: the Trust that

This Trust has always prided itself on its progressive outlook. Here's a summary of just some of the innovations, events and advancements since our last edition of *Foundation News* last summer.



Our CEO hosted our latest workshop for our BAME (Black And Minority Ethnic) colleagues. The workshops are aimed at giving colleagues support and an extra forum to talk about their lives at work.



Together with our volunteers and partners in Age UK we opened up our Libby and Bertie lounge at HRI to provide extra support for patients who are at the point of leaving us and heading home to continue their recovery.



We went down a new path to promote how we care for younger patients. We drafted in actual patients and some young actors for a new film for kiddies and their parents to reassure them in advance of a hospital visit. See it on our website.



Huddersfield Giants legend Eorl Crabtree made a big impression when he came into CRH Eye Clinic to support a coffee morning for Macmillan.



Presenting our Star Award winners – thanks to



EVERY month colleagues nominate each other for a Star Award – in recognition for their stand-out contribution to delivering compassionate care for our patients.

We get entries from right across our Trust from all



areas both clinical and non-clinical, from wards and offices, from frontline and support services. Our CEO Owen Williams presents the awards in surprise visits and they are hugely popular and reflect the real depth of commitment and compassion from everyone here.

never stands still



Our pioneering Bowel Cancer specialist nurses staged their best-ever attended advice and support event for patients and their families at the Briar Court Hotel.



Major changes to improve eye care with the opening of a new unit at Acre Mills, across from HRI.



We were proud to host our first LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) event for NHS staff from across Yorkshire. The aim was to ensure colleagues are heard and supported and it was so successful another is in the pipeline.



Theatres' Stan Joseph, left, has a tot in Todmorden named after him he made such an impression when mum, Dawn, needed surgery early on in her pregnancy. He was Clinical Service Superstar at Celebrating Success.



Clinical psychologist, Hannah Gormley, won the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) award for her work with cancer patients.



Jean Robinson

YES Our flu campaign hits the mark

THIS year's flu vaccination campaign has been one of the most active ever in response to the potential threat from so-called Aussie 'flu strain.

Over their winter the flu strain has claimed many lives and the trend is for what happens there to come to the UK in our winter.

The flu season runs until March so there is still time to get vaccinated if you haven't already as it will protect you and your family.

Our campaign has an added twist this year. It's called YES (for You're Extra Special) and for every vaccination here at this Trust, we are sending Unicef the cost equivalent for 10 child tetanus vaccinations overseas.



Dr Sahar Musaad, above, and Cher Maxwell, below



each and every one for making a difference



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Our stars are:

1. Vivienne Rowan – Health Care Assistant
2. Rita Fletcher – Nursing Assistant
3. Gwen Clyde-Evans – Safeguarding Team
4. Gary Allchin – Security at CRH
5. Hazel Noble – Ultrasound practitioner
6. Darren Kirk – Operating Theatre Orderly

Meet the Governor...Alison Schofield

"Speedy Wheels", aka Alison Schofield, is one of our new Governor recruits. Here's more about her.

My name is Alison Schofield (aka Speedy Wheels). I am 34 and enabled by my two disabilities Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS) and Asperger's Syndrome which is a high functioning autism. I was born and bred in Halifax and am a Yorkshire lass with the spirit of true grit and making the best out of what you have.

Why did you want to become a Governor at this Foundation Trust?

As a young disabled adult I have encountered many barriers to NHS services during my 34 years. Becoming a Governor has empowered me to make a difference. I am passionate about using my life experiences in a positive way to allow everyone to share their voice and be heard in the

decisions that matter to them and their lives.

What have you enjoyed most about the role so far?

EDS means that I have had to access many different NHS services regularly since the age of 16 and the majority of my experiences have been negative. I have found being a Governor very interesting and thought-provoking as I have been able to hear the hospital experience from a professional viewpoint.

What has been interesting/surprising about the role?

I have been positively surprised by how many different hospital divisions are willing to work with me and my friends with disabilities to ensure services are more accessible for all patients who visit the trust. And I hope that we make differences together over my three-year role as a Governor.

Alison Schofield – below, Norwegian fjords and Tanni Grey-Thompson



Have there been any funny moments?

At the CHFT staff awards ceremony in December I had a brilliant time and colleagues made my experience inspiring and uplifting. The access to the building was a bit of a funny off-road driving experience. Luckily I love a challenge. It was also

fortunate that I don't drink alcohol as the return journey would have been fun!

What would you say to anyone thinking about it?

Just take the opportunity and roll with it. I experience discrimination on a daily basis but I am honoured to say I have been welcomed

and respected as an equal peer by my fellow governors and our support team.

How do you relax?

Relax? Who has time for that? No really, I love a long soak in a bubble bath, followed by pampering, an early night falling asleep to a meditation app.

What is your favourite place?

The beautiful, relaxing Norwegian Fjords. I visited on a P&O Cruise in 2015 and cannot wait to return.

Who would you most like to have dinner with?

I look up to many sports personalities with disabilities but if I had to choose one it would be Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson – DBE www.tanni.co.uk/

What is your most treasured possession?

My laptop! It enables me to organise my life and run my own business – www.disabilityroadmap.co.uk

Your Governors at work



Back from left: Paul Butterworth (public), Linzi Smith (staff), Felicity Astin (stakeholder), Sian Grbin (staff), Andrew Haigh (Chair) and Brian Moore (public – Lead Governor). Front from left: Rosemary Hedges (public), Di Wharmby (public), Alison Schofield (public), Megan Swift (stakeholder) and Annette Bell (public). Those governors not on the picture: Publicly elected governors – Stephen Baines, Nasim Esmail, Dianne Hughes, Veronica Maher, Lynn Moore, Michelle Rich, Brian Richardson, John Richardson, Katy Reiter and Kate Wileman; Staff governors – Peter Bamber, Charlie Crabtree, Theodora Nwaeze; Stakeholder governors – Rory Deighton, Chris Reeve and Salma Yasmeen

OUR Governors have four formal public meetings a year with our Chairman and our Board members (both Exec and Non-exec).

The purpose of the meeting is to keep the governors fully up to date with developments at the Trust, and it gives them the opportunity to fulfil their duty to hold the Non-exec directors to account for the performance of the Board.

Pictured is the January meeting in the Boardroom at HRI attended by our Medical Director David Birkenhead and Non-Exec director David Anderson GP. The agenda and papers can be accessed via our website: www.cht.nhs.uk/about-us/membership/meeting-minutes/

Staff governor and paediatric nurse, Sian Grbin, back, third right, said: "It is a really good opportunity to hear more about the different areas of the Trust you aren't normally in direct contact with. It is also good to be able to ask questions directly to the Board members."

If so, why not come along to one of our pre-election briefing sessions in April?

Are you interested in becoming a Governor?

If so why not come along to one of our pre-election briefing sessions in April. This year we will have vacancies for public governors in constituencies 1 (Calder Valley area), 6 (North East Halifax) and 8 (Lindley and the Colne Valley) and for staff governors in constituencies 10 (AHPs/HCSs/Pharmacists), 12 (Ancillary) and 13 (Nurses/Midwives). The sessions are on Tuesday 10 April (6 pm to 7 pm at HRI) and Thursday 12 April (6 pm to 7 pm at CRH). Please contact the Membership Office on 01484 347342 or membership@cht.nhs.uk if you want to attend or for more details.