

Your monthly  
insight into  
the world of  
Bradford's Hospitals



**Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Members' news



Dear Foundation Trust Members,

## **Your invitation to our Showcase event, Annual Members Meeting and Annual General Meeting**

Join us on 11 October between 4pm and 6.45pm at our Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Field House, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, BD9 6RL.

At our Showcase event running from 4pm until 5pm. Refreshments and snacks will be available. The showcase event will allow you to find out more about the following services:

- Research Team
- Virtual Royal Infirmary
- Patient and Public Engagement
- Quality Governance
- Charitable Funds
- Volunteering Services
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Widening Participation Team
- Council of Governors/Foundation Trust Membership

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) will reflect on the past year. There will be presentations on the Annual Report from Chief Executive, Professor Mel Pickup and on the Annual Accounts by Director of Finance, Matthew Horner. Public Governor and Vice-Chair of the Trust's Council of Governors, David Wilmshurst, will present the Governors' and Membership Report, with support from other governors.

This year's special guest speaker will be Terri Saunderson, Director of Operations, who will discuss progress made against our Virtual Ward Programme. A virtual ward

is a 'ward without walls', where a patient's treatment and care can begin and end in their own home with the support of our fantastic team, every step of the way.

This year, you will once again have the opportunity to submit questions in advance of the event, which will be answered during the meeting. Please share them with us by 6 October and they will be answered at the meeting.

You can share your questions via:

- email to [membership@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@bthft.nhs.uk) or
- phone to 01274 364794
- in writing to: Foundation Trust Membership Office, Trust Headquarters, Chestnut House, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, BD9 6RJ.

To book a place to attend the showcase event and/or the AGM/AMM, please telephone 01274 364794 or email [membership@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@bthft.nhs.uk) – please let us know if you have any special requirements.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Volunteer Recruitment now open**

I'm really excited to be able to share our first volunteer recruitment since before Covid. The last 8 months has seen Voluntary Services undergo a complete redesign, and along with reviewing the whole recruitment and induction process, we have been able to develop some new and exciting roles in the Trust. Please visit the new website below, where you will be able to view our available volunteer opportunities, with more being added over the next week.

[Voluntary services – Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust \(bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk\)](https://bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk)

Please do share these opportunities widely, as there will be a lot of people that I have missed. They will also be available to share on our Twitter (X) page @BTHFTVolunteers.

And I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us and been part of the journey to get to this point.

### **Mel's weekly round-up**

In this week's edition we round-up stories from throughout September.

We started the month by highlighting one of our long-standing [partnerships](#) with Sovereign Health Care, which celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October, and how its generous donations have enhanced the care we give patients and support for our staff.

Our second film focused on [Our People](#) with an insight into the work of our legacy nurses – a team of experienced nurses who provide support and coaching to our new nursing colleagues.

Then, in Organ Donation Week, we told the amazing [Our Patients](#) story of two Bradford brothers, Shakoor and Maroof Ahmed, who share a unique bond as Shakoor made a living kidney donation to Maroof.

And we featured the latest episode in our [Let's Talk with Mel](#) podcast series, gaining an insight into the lives of two colleagues who are also ex-Armed Services personnel, and the pride they take in our Trust gaining Veteran Aware accreditation.

Watch the round-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/nhf3w2sk> and remember you can catch Mel's weekly round-up every Friday on global email and X, formerly known as Twitter.

### **Mel's weekly round-up: Our Partners**

Welcome to this week's update which focuses on Our Partners and looks at our Trust's long-standing partnership with Bradford-based Sovereign Health Care.

We hear from Russ Piper, Sovereign's chief executive, about how the company started as one of many hospital funds which existed during the Victorian era, a long time before the NHS, as a way of helping people to access healthcare.

Russ tells us about how Sovereign continues to support the NHS through its community programme. And we hear also from Sharon Milner, Charity Director for Bradford's Hospitals Charity, about the wonderful contributions that it has made to our work here at the Trust, both for patients and colleagues.

You can watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/47XAAKt>

### **Mel's weekly round-up: Our People**

This week Mel focuses on Our People with a film about our legacy nurse mentors.

These are experienced registered nurses employed specifically to provide support and coaching to our new nurses and nursing associates, to help them stay happy and healthy at the Trust.

We'll hear from John Kelley, Education Lead for Pastoral Preceptorship, who tells us about the team and why it was formed and the benefit that it brings at both an organisational and a personal level, and from Legacy Nurse Mentor, Amelia Burton about the support the team is offering to nurses here in Bradford.

Take five minutes to see what a great asset the legacy nurse mentors are to our Trust: <https://bit.ly/46ll711>

### **Mel's weekly round-up: Our Patients**

To mark national Organ Donation Week next week, 18-24 Sept, we're focusing on Our Patients with an emotional story of one local family's amazing transplant journey, which brings home what giving the ultimate gift of life means.

We speak to Shakoor Ahmed, Managing Director of My Lahore, a family-run business in Bradford, about being a living organ donor as well as hearing from his brother Mahroof about being an organ recipient.

Razdy Igasan, our Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation here at the Trust, also tells us about the need for more donors after death, particularly from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

Watch this week's film here: <https://bit.ly/3t0ick6>

### **Let's Talk with Mel podcast – Veterans Aware**

This month's Let's Talk with Mel podcast is a great conversation with two of our colleagues, Bashir Ahmed and Fiona Mattison, who both served in the Armed Forces in previous careers and now use their skills in completely different roles in our Trust.

Our Armed Forces Champion, Fiona Mattison, is the Complaints Lead for Urgent, Elderly and Specialist Medicine clinical service unit (CSU) and Bashir is General Manager for Surgery and Digestive Diseases.

They chat to Mel about their former lives and pride in our hospitals having Veterans Aware accreditation, so that our patients who have served in the British Armed Forces know the importance of letting us know their status, so we can provide the appropriate care they need.

Our work in continuing to support both colleagues and patients who've been members of the armed forces, including reservists, is the best way of saying 'thank you' to everyone who has dedicated and served their country.

Here's the pod

cast link: <https://bit.ly/3PMZpkn>

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