

Your monthly  
insight into  
the world of  
Bradford's Hospitals



**Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Members' news



Dear Foundation Trust Members,

## Mel's weekly round-up – Our Patients

You may need a hanky at the ready for this week's film, it's a heart-warming story of how our Neonatal Unit colleagues develop an extra special bond with their new-born patients and their families.

As part of World Prematurity Day – a national day of recognition for the journey that our patients and families go on, on the neonatal units across the UK and the world – our Neonatal Unit invited families back to come back for a lovely get-together with the staff who cared for their babies at such a critical time.

One of those to return with her little girl was mum Sumaira who had her baby, Maya at 23 weeks and six days and went through a rollercoaster of emotions while Maya was being cared for at the unit.

Matron Jamie Steele also describes how he and his colleagues really get involved in knowing the families and how he loves coming to work and doing the good that he and his team do.

Take a few minutes to watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/4118Z8k>

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

This week Mel highlights our fantastic team of volunteers - from hospital radio to guides, our tea bars to ward helpers - who play a hugely important role in the life of our hospitals.

We hear from one of our longstanding volunteers, Jennifer Smith, about what made her decide to volunteer.

And we also speak to Clare Bancroft, Head of Volunteering, about how we're working to attract a more diverse range of people into a more diverse range of roles.

Our volunteers are a great bunch of dedicated people who all want to give something back.

Take a look at the film to find out more: <https://bit.ly/3RxpMwg>

## Mel's weekly round-up: Our Place – Charity round-up

This week we look back on another fantastic year of fundraising for our Trust by Bradford Hospitals Charity and remind ourselves of some of the highlights.

Thanks to their support, we've been able to invest in new equipment and services to improve the experiences for our patients and wellbeing for our staff.

Many of our colleagues, our patients and their families have been involved in a range of fundraising activities.

We also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the Hospital Charity team and all its supporters.

Watch the round-up it here: <https://bit.ly/3tg27HL>

## Mel's weekly round-up: Getting ready for Christmas

As 2023 draws to a close here's a chance to see how we're getting ready for Christmas across our hospitals.

From our Christmas tree light and snowflake switch-on, to the fabulous Rock Choir, and Santa visiting our children's wards – there's been plenty going on!

Thanks to each and every one of you on team BTHFT for all that you do to care for our patients and look after each other, with a special mention to colleagues who will be working over this holiday period.

We wish you all a very enjoyable and healthy festive season!

Take a few minutes to watch it here: <https://bit.ly/48fY3WO>

## Coming in the New Year... Governor Elections!

Bradford Teaching Hospitals will hold elections to appoint 5 public representatives and 1 patient representative to its Council of Governors and is looking for people to nominate themselves to stand from **Friday 9th February 2024**.

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. This year we are seeking a governor for each of the following membership constituencies:

- Bradford West
- Bradford South
- Bradford East
- Keighley
- Patient (lives outside of the Bradford District but has received treatment from our Trust)
- 'Rest of England and Wales' (lives outside of the Bradford District)

How to nominate yourself:

- You can nominate yourself for the elections from Friday 9th February 2024 by accessing <http://www.cesvotes.com/bradfordteaching2024> (note: this website will open on 9th February 2024)
- To nominate yourself you need to be a member of the Trust
- Complete and submit your application by 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Follow us on X (Twitter)**

We have recently launched our own account on the social media site X (previously known as Twitter) and encourage you to follow us for news updates, information about events and elections to our Council of Governors, and so much more...

Follow us here: [@BTHFTmembership](#)

### **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.

**Finally... seasons greetings and happy holidays to all our members!**

Regards

Membership Office

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