

Your monthly
insight into
the world of
Bradford's Hospitals



Bradford Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Members' news



Dear Members,

Upcoming Elections: We need your help!

Do you know someone who could make a difference in becoming a public or patient governor? Could it be you?

Bradford Teaching Hospitals is seeking public and patient governors to sit on the Foundation Trust's Council. (Note we are not seeking staff governors at this time).

This is an exciting opportunity for someone you know to represent the interests of our service users, our local communities and our Foundation Trust members.

We are seeking to fill five seats from people who live in our public constituencies of

- Public - Bradford South x 1
- Public - Bradford West x 1
- Public - Bradford East x 1
- Public – Keighley x 1
- Public - Rest of England and Wales x 1

The Rest of England and Wales constituency is for people who live outside of the Bradford District area who have not received treatment from our Trust but have a keen interest in what we do.

We are also seeking to fill one seat for our patient constituency which covers people who have received treatment from our Trust or, carers of such patients, and who live outside of the Bradford District:

- Patient - (Out of Bradford) x 1

Governor's are able to:

- ensure there is robust challenge about the strategic direction of the Trust, our vision and how we are performing
- share with the Board and Council of Governors the views of the local people you represent: actively seeking out what they think about the services provided by Bradford Teaching Hospitals
- take part in meetings of the Council of Governors, its committees, governor training days and Joint Council of Governors/Board of Directors sessions to represent the

interests of Foundation Trust members and the public as you carry out the statutory duties of a governor.

If you know someone that would like to gain experience in a fulfilling role, please encourage them to visit the website from Tuesday 7th May when nominations open: <https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/our-trust/become-a-governor/>

Mel's weekly round-up: February's round-up

As February almost comes to a close, we take a look-back at Mel's weekly videos this month.

It's been another busy month here at the Trust, where we had the opportunity to hear from colleagues and patients.

We began February with a focus on our state-of-the-art Day Case Unit, which will open later this year at St Luke's Hospital.

We also heard about the launch of a new living kidney donor website, encouraging more people, especially those from ethnically diverse communities, to consider donating a kidney.

Finally, for the podcast this month, Mel had the pleasure of chatting to Sam Dawe, Matron in our Chief Nurses Team, and Staff Nurse, Melbourne Batayola about the prestigious global DAISY Foundation awards, which we are proud to have introduced to our Trust.

Take a few minutes to watch the round-up here: <https://bit.ly/49o3pA1>

Let's Talk with Mel podcast – DAISY Foundation awards

This month's Let's Talk with Mel podcast celebrates the Trust signing up to the global DAISY Foundation awards scheme, which allows patients and their families to express their gratitude for nurses and midwives who have provided extraordinary compassionate care.

Mel is in conversation with Matron Sam Dawe, who has been instrumental in bringing the awards, which began with a patient and his family in the U.S., to Bradford.

She also talks to one of the very first recipients – or 'honourees' – Staff Nurse, Melbourne Batayola, nominated for the award by the family of a critically ill patient because of the 'exceptional' care and attention she provided.

Tune in to discover just how much it means to be chosen for this prestigious accolade.

Here's the podcast link: <https://bit.ly/3T3nAxL>

Mel's weekly round-up: Our Patients

This month saw the launch of a new living kidney donor website here at the Trust – and that's what we're looking at in this week's round-up.

Spearheaded by the Living Kidney Donor Transplant team, the site aims to encourage more people, especially those from an ethnically diverse community, to consider donating a kidney.

We'll hear from Michael Speight, Live Kidney Donor Coordinator and Tahira Mir, Cultural and Health Improvement Officer about the innovative new site and the life-changing benefits of becoming a live kidney donor.

And we meet some of our amazing live donors about the impact that their donations have made.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/3OCevJF>

Mel's weekly round-up: Our People – building our Day Case Unit workforce

As work continues to develop our new Day Case Unit at St Luke's Hospital, we look at how we're building a workforce to run this fantastic new surgical facility.

When it opens, the Day Case Unit will provide additional capacity to meet the needs of our patients waiting for surgery and increase operations delivered by the Trust by over 5,000 a year.

We hear from Adele Hartley-Spencer, Director of Nursing Operations, about some of the roles on offer at the new unit and from James Wilkinson, an operating department colleague, about what his role entails and why our Trust is such a great place to work.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/3vZIOVI>

Mel's weekly round-up: January's round-up

As January almost comes to a close, we take a look-back at Mel's weekly videos this month.

We kicked off the year with a special round-up of 2023, another year in which we continued to strive to ensure better experiences for both patients and colleagues alike.

We also highlighted one of our partners this month with a look at the work of DFN Project Search - a transition to work programme for adults with learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions, with which we have proudly partnered for many years.

Finally, on the podcast this month, Mel had the pleasure of meeting Aisha Mirza, who is a part of our NHS Graduate Management Training scheme, to hear about her journey to BTHFT and how she's thriving in her role.

Take a few minutes to watch the round-up here: <https://bit.ly/47SW2iF>

Mel's weekly round-up – Our Partners: DFN Project SEARCH

This week's round-up looks at the success story that is DFN Project SEARCH – a life-changing transition to work programme for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum conditions that our Trust is proud to partner with.

We meet Joe, Acute Theatres Assistant and DFN Project SEARCH graduate, who tells us how, by supporting him into paid employment, the programme has helped him grow in confidence and develop valuable life skills.

As a teaching trust we're good at recognising and nurturing talent and we know that the transition to work programme can really change lives and help young people shine – just like Joe has.

DFN Project SEARCH is a hugely rewarding experience for everyone involved and we're delighted to be a key partner.

See Joe's story here: <https://bit.ly/48sGCmn>

Regards

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