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**Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Members' news



## See below for your July 2024 membership update

### Governor Elections

Our governor elections concluded on 2 July. Three new Governors have been 'elected uncontested'. These are:

- Philip Turner, public governor Keighley,
- John Waterhouse, public governor Bradford East
- Andy Waller, public governor 'Rest of England and Wales'

Their profile information and photographs are now posted to the Trust website [here](#). Following elections held in Bradford West and Bradford South;

- Ibrar Hussain has been re-elected for his second term as public Governor Bradford West
- Sharon Taylor is our new public Governor for Bradford South

The report on voting is available on our website [here](#). Once the pre-appointment checks are complete profile information for Sharon and Ibrar will be uploaded to our website.

Our congratulations to all our new (and returning) governors.

### Volunteers Recruitment

Our latest Volunteer Recruitment is now open at Bradford Teaching Hospitals. This is our third recruitment since the redesign of Voluntary Services, and we have some more exciting new roles available, along with recruiting again into some of the existing roles.

All roles can be found here: [Volunteering Opportunities | Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Volunteering \(goassemble.com\)](#). Whilst volunteers can apply directly online, we can offer more accessible applications where required.

Further information on volunteering can be found directly on the website - [Voluntary services – Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust \(bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk\)](https://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/voluntary-services)

## Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment: Would you take part?

Good environments matter. Every NHS patient should be cared for with compassion and dignity in a clean, safe environment. Patient-led assessments of the care environment (PLACE) help us understand how well we are meeting the needs of our patients, and identify where improvements can be made. The assessments give patients and the public a voice to drive and influence the way their local health and care services are delivered.

Assessment teams are a collaboration between staff and patient assessors, with patient assessors making up at least 50 per cent of the assessment team. Anyone who uses the service can be a patient assessor, including current patients, their family and visitors, carers, patient advocates or patient council members. NHS Foundation Trust Governors can also be patient assessors.

## Patient Assessors should be;



Full training and assessment forms will be provided and reimbursements of expenses are offered in line with our Trust finance policy. We are looking for assessors from all our communities, no matter what background, age, or disability to represent our wonderful city of culture. Please make your interest count by contacting the Patient Experience team via email [Community.Engagement@bthft.nhs.uk](mailto:Community.Engagement@bthft.nhs.uk) or by phone on 01274 272568.

## Bradford Hospitals Charity launches donation kiosk

WE'RE thrilled to announce the launch of our latest initiative aimed at making giving back easier and more convenient than ever before. The Bradford Hospitals Charity donation kiosk is located opposite the main reception in Bradford Royal Infirmary.

In today's fast-paced world, we understand the need for simplicity and efficiency.

**That's why our new donation kiosk offers a hassle-free way to support Bradford Hospitals Charity. With just a simple tap of your contactless payment card or mobile device, you can make an instant and secure donation, eliminating the need for cash or lengthy forms.**

Whether you're a patient, visitor, or staff member, this convenient solution ensures that giving back is always within reach.

We're incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our generous donors. With the introduction of our new kiosk, we're excited to make it even easier for individuals to join us in our mission to enhance patient care, support medical research, and improve facilities across Bradford Hospitals.

**So, the next time you're passing through Bradford Royal Infirmary, we invite you to stop by and make a difference with just a tap. By streamlining the donation process, we can allocate more time and resources to our vital projects and initiatives, ultimately benefiting the patients and communities we serve.**

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Mel's weekly update: Our Place**

Welcome to the latest Mel's weekly update which focuses on an amazing story from Our Place.

In the Yorkshire region alone, there's approximately 3,300 people per year that will suffer an out of hospital, sudden cardiac arrest.

By performing CPR, we are giving an increase in that chance of survival. Last month we were thrilled to introduce a new CPR kiosk on the main concourse here at Bradford Royal Infirmary. This innovative kiosk offers the public a hands-on opportunity to practise CPR on a life-like manikin.

We are very proud to be the first Trust in the country to install a kiosk that can encourage everyone to learn this vital skill in CPR.

Today we will hear from Ben Mckay, Education Manager, and Eve Flockton, Resuscitation Training Lead, about the benefits of these new kiosks for both patients and staff and the crucial importance of learning CPR.

Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/2h4w2yx9> and please practise on the manikin to learn this vital skill for yourself.

### **Mel's weekly update – Our Partners**

In this week's update we turn to Our Partners and focus on the Healthy Minds initiative, developed by the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership, which aims to promote, protect and improve the mental health and wellbeing of everyone in Bradford through a single point of access to help and support.

We hear from Sasha Bhat at Healthy Minds to talk about the services it offers to communities, as well as Masira Hans from Mind at Bradford about their role as key partners in the programme.

And we meet Haris Ahmed, a performer at Take the Mic, a Healthy Minds live performance event, who shares his personal experiences with mental health and how culture and creativity can support improvements in mental health for all.

Watch this week's video here: <https://shorturl.at/94qV7>

### **Let's Talk with Mel podcast**

In this month's podcast Mel is joined by Trust colleagues Jamilla Hussain, Consultant in Palliative Medicine and Senior Research Fellow and Victoria Ali, Lead Nurse for Palliative Care, to explore the vital and often misunderstood field of palliative care.

Jamilla and Victoria discuss both the importance and challenges of palliative care as well as the innovative research being conducted to improve end-of-life care.

Listen here: <https://shorturl.at/hS8yk>

## See below news from March, April and May 2024

### News round up for March

#### Mel's monthly round-up for March

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

We kick-started the month with a look at our preceptorship programme. This was set up to increase staff retention by supporting new starters and existing staff with integration into their teams, while offering ongoing support to make sure that they feel valued and equipped to carry out their day-to-day roles.

Then we saw the official opening of the new Eccleshill Community Diagnostic Centre which offers people across the district quicker and more convenient access to diagnostic tests, leading to earlier diagnosis and better outcomes.

We marked Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with Consultant Urologist Dr Chidi Molokwu talking about the significance of early detection and the important role it plays in successful treatment options.

And then we visited the new dedicated Transfusion Unit which recently opened at The Meadows Haematology and Oncology Day Unit at Eccleshill Community Hospital, which is providing an improved experience for our patients who need regular blood transfusions.

Watch this month's round-up here: <https://bit.ly/3ISVbUW>

### See the full weekly round ups below

#### Mel's weekly round-up: Our People – preceptorship programme

Our first film of spring focuses on how we're supporting our colleagues in their roles by setting up the pastoral preceptorship programme.

This aims to increase staff retention by supporting new starters, and existing staff, with their integration into their teams while offering ongoing support to ensure they feel valued and equipped to carry out their roles day-to-day.

We hear from John Kelley, Educational Lead for Pastoral Preceptorship, and Clare Chippendale, a registered nurse at Bradford Royal Infirmary, to tell us about the preceptorship programme here at the Trust.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/48BRs8L>

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

Our vision in Bradford District and Craven is to Act as One to keep people happy, healthy at home, so this week it's great to feature the official opening of the new Eccleshill NHS Community Diagnostic Centre.

This fantastic new facility offers people living across the district quicker and more convenient access to diagnostic tests, leading to early diagnosis and treatment and better outcomes.

We hear about the positive impact that the centre's having on our local community as it helps give people earlier access to important health tests and screening – making sure that patients can get the right care in the right place.

Take five to watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/3TvrnEk>

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

March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, so this week we speak to Dr Chidi Molokwu, Consultant Urologist and a passionate advocate of prostate health about the importance of men taking up regular screenings and health check-ups.

One in eight men are going to get prostate cancer, and one in five men are diagnosed with prostate cancer too late for them to be cured, but early detection plays an important role in shaping the prognosis and successful treatment outcomes.

Chidi's message is simple: if you have any symptoms, get checked; go to your GP and get a blood test – it could save your life.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/48RnmhD>

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

This week's film takes a look behind the scenes at our new dedicated Transfusion Unit at The Meadows haematology and oncology day unit at Eccleshill Community Hospital.

Treating patients with inherited red blood cell disorders, such as thalassaemia, the new five-day service is a home-grown initiative in response to patient feedback. The service is now in a permanent separate and bigger space and reflects that the Haematology team wants to improve the experience of patients who need regular blood transfusions.

We hear from the specialist nursing team and a patient about the difference the new environment is already making.

Watch the film here: <https://tinyurl.com/m2j644bu>

## **News round up for April**

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

April has been another exciting month here at the Trust, so here's another round-up of the month's stories.

We kicked off April by featuring some Muslim colleagues who shared their faith and experiences of working at the Trust during the holy month of Ramadan.

Then we visited a new reflection corridor which opened at St Luke's Hospital earlier this month, linking wards F5 and F6 with a brightly coloured and inspirational space which will help patients with dementia and memory impairment.

And for the podcast this month, Mel revisited her chat with Sam Keighley, Chief Executive of Bradford District and Craven's VCS Alliance. Sam talked about the work of the Alliance and the important role it plays in the health and wellbeing of the people in our district.

Watch the round-up here: <https://youtu.be/E8tIUyhipF0>

## **See the full weekly round ups below**

### **Let's Talk with Mel podcast**

In this month's Let's Talk with Mel podcast we revisit a chat with Sam Keighley from the VCS Alliance about the vital role voluntary and community services play in Bradford District and Craven's health and care partnership.

The VCS keeps people well for as long as they can be by providing prevention and early intervention services – and by working together with health and social care in a true partnership.

Listen here: <https://bit.ly/3JsQhhX>

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

Earlier this week, a new reflection corridor was opened at St Luke's Hospital, linking wards F5 and F6. The corridor has been turned into a brightly coloured and inspirational space which will help patients with dementia and memory impairment.

Today we hear from Samantha Hunter, Estates and Facilities Project Lead, about her inspiration for the project and how dementia patients themselves have helped to inspire the artwork it features.

Watch the video here: <https://tinyurl.com/muzu4vhw>

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

For this week's round-up, we're delighted to feature some Muslim colleagues who share their faith and experiences of working at the Trust during the Holy month of Ramadan.

Thank you to these colleagues for taking part and we hope you enjoy this unique window on their world.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/49rRQY3>

## News round up for May

### Mel's monthly round-up for May

As we come to the end of another busy month here at the Trust, we bring you a round-up of the month's stories.

We kicked off May with a look at the work of the Patient Recruitment Centre, based at the Bradford Institute for Health Research here at Bradford Royal Infirmary, hearing from trial participant Anthony Eyre, about why he volunteered to be one of the first participants in Europe for two new clinical trials investigating innovative treatments for respiratory conditions.

We also heard this month from our Parent Education Team here at the Trust about the virtual and in-person support they offer to expectant parents, helping them to plan and make choices around labour, birth and parenthood.

Active travel also took the spotlight in May as we heard from members of our Bicycle and Runners' User Group about the benefits of incorporating active modes of transportation into the daily commute.

Finally, for the podcast this month, we honoured International Nurses' Day, celebrated on 12 May, by speaking to some of our own international colleagues.

Watch here: <https://shorturl.at/7lfzN>

### See the full weekly round ups below

#### Let's Talk with Mel podcast – celebrating International Nurses Day

In this month's podcast Mel sits down to chat with two of our overseas nurses in recognition of International Nurses Day.

In conversation with Abdellatif Mohamed, our first Egyptian nurse, who works in ED, and Stroke and Neurology Matron, Diogo Silva, from Portugal, Mel hears their personal journeys to work in Bradford and some of the highlights and challenges they've faced along the way.

It's an uplifting listen which reflects the amazing contribution our international nurses make to BTHFT and caring for patients.

Take a break to listen here: <https://shorturl.at/2mXFX>

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

This week we're getting active, travel-wise!

Active Travel has a huge range of benefits including environmental sustainability and improvements to health as well as cost savings, and that's why as a Trust, we proudly support colleagues through our Bicycle and Runners' User Group (BRUG) to encourage active transportation and engagement.

In this round-up, we'll hear from the group's chair, Amandeep Singh as well as colleagues who are finding alternative ways to driving to come into work.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/4bCy1i2>

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

Having a baby is a life-changing event, and here at the Trust we want families to feel empowered and confident.

So, this week we're focusing on the great work that our Parent Education midwives deliver – providing both virtual and in-person support to expectant parents, helping them to plan and make choices around labour, birth and parenthood.

We hear from midwives Gina Melia and Caroline Lamb, who tell us about the service and the benefits it brings to families we support in our community.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/4a8WjPC>

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

This week we hear about some of the ground-breaking work happening at the Patient Recruitment Centre (PRC), based at the Bradford Institute for Health Research, here at Bradford Royal Infirmary.

Earlier this year, the PRC recruited the first participants in Europe for two new clinical trials investigating innovative potential treatments for respiratory conditions.

We hear from Professor Dinesh Saralaya, Associate Director of Commercial Research, about how the trials will bring new treatments for those suffering with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in our community.

We also hear from Anthony Eyre, one of the participants, about why he volunteered to be part of the trial.

Watch the film here: <https://bit.ly/4bmefHr>

## Mel's weekly round-up – Our Place

This week we feature our colleagues from the Estates and Facilities (E&F) teams. They're often in the background, but constantly making sure our sites can function and our clinicians can provide care to our patients 24/7.

Recently we had the opportunity to celebrate their work as part of National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Day.

Today we hear from Head of Estates Maintenance, Neil Harvey, and some of his E&F colleagues to get a window on their world and find out about the crucial work that they do at BTHFT.

Take five to watch it here: <https://tinyurl.com/mtraanu5>

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Regards

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