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**Bradford Teaching Hospitals**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Members' news



Dear Members,

## **Mel's monthly August round-up**

As we come to the end of another busy month here at the Trust, we bring you another round-up of stories from throughout August.

We kicked off the month with a look at our apprenticeship programme. We heard from Faye Alexander, Head of Education, and Humaid Ahmed, Education Administrator, about the benefits of apprenticeships and their role in supporting career development.

We also learned more about our collaboration with Macmillan Cancer Support this month. We heard how this partnership not only supports the training of our new Macmillan cancer nurses at our own Trust, but also plays a crucial role in providing comprehensive aftercare for patients once they've left hospital.

Ahead of Organ Donation Week in September, we revisited the story of brothers Shakoor Ahmed and Mahroof Farooq. Shakoor shared how he made a live donor kidney donation to his brother and we also heard from Razdy Iqbal, our Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation who told us about the need for more donors after death, particularly from the black and minority ethnic community.

Finally, for the podcast this month, I enjoyed talking to Jennifer Syson, Research Matron and Senior Research Midwife, and Pepper Woods Senior Respiratory Research Sister, who told me about their fantastic roles in encouraging and engendering a culture of research activity here at the Trust.

**Take five to watch the round-up here:** <https://youtu.be/F5ghliFvfZ8>

***If you would like to see Mel's full weekly news round ups for August. These are available below.***

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

This week we shine a light on our patients and look ahead to this year's Organ Donation Week, which runs from 23 to 29 September – such a crucial event as it raises awareness of the importance of organ donation.

This is an opportunity for us to revisit the remarkable story of brothers Shakoor Ahmed and Mahroof Farooq. Shakoor shares how he made a live, life-saving kidney donation to his brother.

And we also hear from our Specialist Nurse for Organ Donation, Razdy Igasan, who tells us about the need for more donors after death, particularly from the Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

Please watch the round-up here: <https://youtu.be/tSau65c55sc>

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

This week we shine a light on the important work of our partners, Macmillan Cancer Support, who not only support the training of new Macmillan cancer nurses at our Trust, but also play a crucial role in providing comprehensive aftercare for patients once they have left hospital.

We'll hear about how this partnership ensures that our patients receive the highest quality care and support during their recovery journey and the importance of working together to improve health outcomes for our community.

Lead Cancer Nurse, Michelle Ratcliffe; Macmillan Partnership Lead, Ian Margerison and Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Macmillan Development Programme, Charlotte Johnson-Smith, explain how this great partnership works.

Watch the film here: <https://youtu.be/cYDZ4IOQngw>

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

This week we hear about the value of our apprenticeships programme which develops home-grown talent to benefit our Trust.

Anyone aged over 16 can apply for an apprenticeship, and that includes our colleagues who work within the Trust.

We have a range of apprenticeships available and these cover clinical and non-clinical roles as well. An apprenticeship route gives people that opportunity to further develop their skills and their career all the way up into senior management levels.

Watch this week's film here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n93h7t7>

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Regards

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