

# Trust membership newsletter

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Welcome to the members' newsletter and a special welcome to those of you who are new members of University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

I am sure many of you, like me, are watching with interest the plans unfolding from the coalition government. The publication of the White Paper: 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS' sets out proposals to make the NHS a world-class service that is easy to access, treats people as individuals and offers care that is safe and of the highest quality.

The Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, has outlined the three key areas of focus for the coalition government as follows:

- Patients will be at the heart of everything that the NHS does – no decisions about me without me.
- Healthcare outcomes in England

Welcome by  
John Savage CBE  
Chairman



that are among the best in the world – including for the most vulnerable.

- Empowering clinicians to deliver results, setting clinicians free from micromanagement and top-down control, shifting the focus firmly towards the needs of patients and improved health outcomes.

There will be considerable challenges ahead, particularly in relation to the existing Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts, which are to be abolished by 2013. There will be uncertainty about what jobs and organisations will exist in the new landscape and what this means for staff at all levels. However, there is a strong commitment

in the White Paper to the Foundation Trust model. We will therefore be working with partner organisations, GP commissioners, staff, patients and with you, to ensure not only that UH Bristol is fit for the future, whatever it holds, but is ready to play an active part in shaping the changes locally.

We are very serious about ensuring you are able to play as active a role as you would like in the discussions and consultations about the future of the NHS. We have produced a survey in this newsletter, asking you how you'd like us to communicate with you and, importantly, how we can ensure we are listening to you. Please take the time to complete it.

I am hugely passionate about this Trust and the wider NHS and I look forward to working together with you to ensure its future.

## The Trust launches its new values

The Trust's new values were launched at the end of June, after staff, patient and member workshops.

The four values – Respecting everyone, Embracing change, Recognising success and Working together – are rooted in the experience of staff.

Each of the four values is based on behaviour we expect from our staff.

For example, 'working together' means working together to achieve what is best for patients, supporting each other across the whole Trust, listening to everyone and working



in partnership inside and outside our organisation.

These values reflect the Trust's ongoing aim to provide a service that's high quality, cost effective and safe for our patients.

The values were launched with a series of ward walk-rounds and a poster

campaign (one of the posters is pictured, above left) across all our hospital sites, which was kindly funded by our charities Above & Beyond, The Grand Appeal and the Bristol Royal Infirmary League of Friends.

## Notice to the members of University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust gives notice that the Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 September 2010, from 5pm, in the Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol BS2 8AE. The meeting is open to all members and we welcome the public to attend and they will have the opportunity to join as members. To attend, please contact the Membership Office at [foundationtrust@uhbristol.nhs.uk](mailto:foundationtrust@uhbristol.nhs.uk) or call 0117 342 3764.





## 14 new governors are elected

The Trust's newly-elected representatives joined existing governors for the Membership Council meeting on 28 July.

The 14 new governors are:

**PUBLIC: South Gloucestershire Constituency**

Pauline Beddoes

Mary Hodges

**PUBLIC: Bristol Constituency**

Sian Evans

Jade Scott-Blagrove

**PATIENT: Non-Local Patients**

Neil Auty

Suzanne Green

**Patient and Carer**

Wendy Gregory (second term)

Garry Williams

**Local Patients**

John Steeds

Ken Cockrell

Jacob Butterly

**STAFF CONSTITUENCY: Other**

**Healthcare Professionals**

Phil Quirk (second term)

**Nursing and Midwifery**

Belinda Cox (second term)

Florene Jordan

## Being a governor: the roles and responsibilities

### Membership:

- To reflect the interests of the community through their members at Membership Council.
- To actively contribute to the Membership Development Plan through engagement and recruitment of members.
- To be involved in services as reflected in the special interests list.

### Statutory duties:

- Oversee and advise the Board of Directors on Trust plans and priorities.
- Monitor the activities of the Trust with a view to ensure as far as possible that they are being conducted in a manner consistent with its Authorisation and the terms of its Constitution.
- Receive the Annual Report and Accounts.
- To respond, as appropriate, when consulted by the Board of Directors.
- Appointment and removal of the Chair and Non-Executive Directors.
- Approve the appointment of the Chief Executive.
- To decide the remuneration and allowances and other terms of offices of the Non-Executive Directors.
- Appoint and remove the Auditor.

## Events

### Meet Your Governors

(at the Annual Members Meeting)

From 5pm, 22 September

Lecture Theatre 1,

Education Centre

### Big Green Scheme drop-in sessions

11am - 3pm

Wednesday 29 September

The Atrium

Bristol Heart Institute

### Membership Council meeting

1pm, 4 November

Lecture Theatre 1,

Education Centre

## Executive Director update

The Trust has drawn up a shortlist of candidates who have applied for the Chief Executive vacancy.

The interviews for the position are due to take place in early September and the successful candidate will be announced in mid-September.

The Trust will then recruit a new Chief Operating Officer



Irene Gray, who retired from the NHS in July



Medical Director Dr Jonathan Sheffield, who leaves in autumn

to replace Irene Gray, who retired from the NHS in July, and a new Medical Director to replace Dr Jonathan Sheffield, who is due to leave the Trust after six years, to take up the post of Chief Executive for the

Clinical Research Network of the National Institute for Health Research based at the University of Leeds.

# Membership newsletter: we want your views

We are reviewing the content and appearance of the membership newsletter and want to know what you think about it.

We want to know whether you like the current format (a printed, full-colour newsletter that is sent out to all members three times a year) and whether you find the content informative, interesting and appropriate.

Our aim is to keep you fully informed of Trust activities, events and news from our governors, and give you the chance to ask questions and share your views.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please detach this page from your newsletter and send it back to us at:

**Membership Office**  
**FREEPOST UH Bristol FT Office,**  
**University Hospitals Bristol NHS**  
**Foundation Trust,**  
**Trust Headquarters,**  
**Marlborough Street,**  
**Bristol BS1 3NU**

Staff can send completed questionnaires to the Membership Office in the internal post.

If you would like to receive this questionnaire in any other format, or would like an electronic copy, please email [foundationtrust@uhbristol.nhs.uk](mailto:foundationtrust@uhbristol.nhs.uk) or call 0117 342 3764.

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To answer a question, please put a tick in the relevant box below the question.

**Q1** Do you like receiving a printed copy of this newsletter?

Yes

No  *if 'no', please skip to Q6*

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**Q2** Do you think the printed newsletter should be sent out...?

Three times a year, as now

More frequently

Less frequently

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**Q3** The newsletter is an A4 document. Is it...

Fine as it is now?

Too big?

Too small?

**Q4** The newsletter has four pages. Is this...

Enough?

Too many?

Too few?

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**Q5** Should the newsletter be in full colour?

Yes

No

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The following questions relate to the content of the newsletter – we would like to know what you are interested in reading about.

Where appropriate, please give examples in the space provided.

**Q6** Would you like any additional sections in the newsletter? Please indicate what sections you would like to see.

A members' letters page

A manager/governor Q&A

Focus on a department/hospital

Events round-up with photos

Other (specify below)

**Q7** Would you like to read about research projects taking place in Bristol?

Yes  No

(if 'yes' please indicate below what interests you)

How to live a healthy life

Health and pregnancy

Children's health

Specific diseases/syndromes (specify below)

Research and innovation

Other (specify below)

**Q8** What would you like to read about in your newsletter?

Trust performance

Media activity

Member events

Health features

The Chairman's overview

Governor activities

Other (specify below)

**Q9** If you didn't receive a printed copy of the newsletter, how would you like to find out news about the Trust?

By email newsletter

Via social networking sites  
(eg Facebook, Twitter)

On our external website

Other (specify below)

**Many thanks for participating in this questionnaire about your membership newsletter. The results will be reviewed by the editorial panel, which consists of Trust governors and staff, and used to decide on the newsletter's content, appearance, format and frequency.**