

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Issue 2: June 2008

'shared Trust, shared success'

Successful First Elections for Governors on the Membership Council

Our first formal elections to elect Governors on the Membership Council was a huge success. You, as members, elected all constituencies, that's 27 governors for Public, Patient and Staff.

All members were invited to nominate themselves for the role of Governor and we were overwhelmed to receive an amazing 203 nominees. This ensured all 27 seats were contested and members had a choice of who to vote for.

Graham Rich, Chief Executive said *"I am delighted with the massive interest shown and I would like to thank all Members for taking the time to vote for their representatives on the council."*

"It's fantastic that so many people want to be part of creating better services for our patients."

The Membership Council is made up of 27 elected Governors and 11 appointed Governors from key stakeholders. You can see who your governors are on the inside pages and read the Governor statements on our web www.ubhtft.nhs.uk. The inaugural meeting of the Membership Council is on 12 June and is open to members and the public.

The election of Governors is a crucial step for the Trust in its application to become a Foundation Trust. We are in the final stage of our Foundation Trust application and Monitor (the independent regulator) will make its decision at the end of May 2008. The earliest opportunity for authorisation is June 2008.

John Savage, Chair said *"The interest shown by our staff, patients and the public at large in the move to become a Foundation Trust has been truly gratifying and, for me, it proves again that people are very willing to care for what really matters."*

"This is a truly exciting time for the Trust and for Bristol; success in achieving Foundation Trust status will be the opening for great new achievement in our role of caring for the sick and fostering good health for all. The wholehearted support we have received gives the strongest foundation to our ambitions."

Thank you to our members for your interest in the role and for voting for the governors.

Sir Bernard Lovell School visit See page 4



Conversation with Members See page 4



Specialist Paediatrics Forum See page 4



Inaugural Membership Council meeting

Thursday 12 June 2008 , at 5 pm to 7 pm

UBHT Education Centre, Lecture Theatre 1, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol
(open to members and the public)

Your Governors on the Membership Council

Photographs are awaited from:

- ◆ **Christine Webb**, Patient, Local
- ◆ **Heather Saunders**, Patient, Local
- ◆ **Allan Attwood**, Patient, Local
- ◆ **John Alcock**, Public, Bristol
- ◆ **John Duffield**, Appointed, University of the West of England
- ◆ **Tina Lewis**, Appointed, North Somerset Primary Care Trust
- ◆ **Jeanette Jones**, Appointed, Joint Union Committee



Patricia Robinson
Public
South Glos



David Clark
Public
South Glos



Anne Ford
Public
North Somerset



Elizabeth Corrigan
Public
North Somerset



Heather England
Public
Bristol



Mo Schiller
Public
Bristol



Elizabeth Obileye
Public
Bristol



George Wynne Willson
Public
Bristol



Rosemary Chalmers
Patient
Tertiary

Roles and Responsibilities of Governors:

Membership:

- ◆ To reflect the interests of the community through their members at Membership Council. This can be achieved by communicating in a variety of ways with their members
- ◆ 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 regarding future Trust plans and priorities
- ◆ Monitor the activities of the Trust with a view to seeking 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 & 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
- ◆ To consider and determine Membership disputes

What governors do not do:

The day-to-day operational management of the NHS Foundation Trust rests with the Board of Directors, as does the liability of the organisation. Examples of day-to-day operational management includes dealing with complaints, getting involved with individual patients clinical care etc. These are dealt with within the hospitals procedures.

Your Governors on the Membership Council



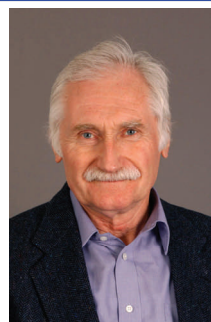
Ann Jordan
Patient
Tertiary



Pam Yabsley
Patient
Local



Anne Skinner
Patient
Local



Clive Hamilton
Patient
Local



Philip Mackie
Patient
Carers of under 16 years



Lorna Watson
Patient
Carers of under 16
years



Wendy Gregory
Patient
Carers of 16 years
and over



Sylvia Smith
Patient
Carers of 16
years and over



Massimo Pignatelli
Appointed
University of Bristol



Chris Payne
Appointed
South Glos Primary
Care Trust



John Newman
Appointed
Great Western
Ambulance Trust



Bill Payne
Appointed
Bristol City Council



Deborah Lee
Appointed
Bristol Primary
Care Trust



Jane Britton
Appointed
Avon & Wiltshire
Mental Health Trust



Samantha Leak
Staff, Other Clinical
Healthcare
Professionals



Jim Catterall
Staff
Medical and
Dental



Wendy Hurn
Staff
Nursing and
Midwifery



Belinda Cox
Staff
Nursing and
Midwifery



Martin Long
Staff
Non Clinical
Healthcare
Professionals



Jan Dykes
Staff
Non Clinical
Healthcare
Professionals

Membership Involvement

Sir Bernard Lovell School



On 17 March, 40 Year 9 students from Sir Bernard Lovell School joined staff at United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust to share their views on how the Trust can get more young people involved as members of the Foundation Trust. This event incorporated part of the English curriculum activity.

We want more young people as members and as members, they will have the opportunity to be involved in services which affect young people. This event was part of helping us to do that. In addition to finding out about the work of the Trust, pupils took part in mock elections to choose who would represent their views as a Foundation Trust Governor.

Over the coming weeks the pupils will be back at school designing posters and information leaflets which will be used by the Trust to encourage young people to get involved.

Annual Plan and Annual Report

Every year United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust is required to produce key reports such as an annual report and an annual plan. The Audit Commission requires us to carry out a consultation for these reports. We asked Members for their views to help us make these documents more useful to as wide a range of people as possible.

We were pleased that the majority of participants said they found last year's report easy to read, interesting and useful. A wide variety of views were given for the 2007/08 report. For example, the consultation showed a split between those who felt the report should be printed (many highlighting a lack of computer access) and those who felt it should primarily be published online, in part to keep printing costs down.

We are working on the annual report and will feed back on how we used the suggestions in a forthcoming newsletter. Many thanks to everyone who took part!

Centralisation of Specialist Paediatrics

A Patient & Public Involvement Forum was held on 2 April 2008 and was attended by members. The forum covered:

- What the centralisation of Specialist Paediatric services will mean to patients and their families
- How the change is being managed within the Trust
- What the benefits to patients and their families will be
- The issues that these changes will raise for patients and their families

The event was of great benefit to the project team in highlighting the key concerns of patients, families and charitable organisations. An action plan has been drawn up to respond to the concerns raised and further similar forums will be held.

For further information on this event and similar Patient and Public Involvement activities supporting the Trust's development plans please contact the Public Involvement Facilitator, Tony Watkin, at tony.watkin@ubht.nhs.uk

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Conversation with Graham Rich, Chief Executive and Members

Members were randomly selected to attend a Conversation with Graham event on Monday 21 April 2008. The objective of the event was for members to let us know what the Trust does well, what could be improved and what a Foundation Trust hospital would look like.

The feedback will be presented to the first Membership Council in June to consider the next steps.

