



# Members' News

**April 2012**

*Welcome to the third edition of our new monthly email newsletter for Foundation Trust members who have opted to provide us with their email address.*

*We aim to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news from Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and ensure you are the first to find out how you can get involved in the life of your local hospital as a Foundation Trust member.*

## **'Medicine for Members' free health event – Dementia seminar**

### **Tuesday 1 May**

We are now taking bookings for the latest in our new series of free health events exclusively for Foundation Trust members, 'Medicine for Members'.

This is a seminar entitled 'Addressing and managing the dementia epidemic' which will feature speakers including Consultant Physician Dr Richard Morgan.

It will be held at **5:30pm** on **Tuesday 1 May** in the **Postgraduate Lecture Theatre** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, SW10 9NH.

Come along to hear our experts talk about advances in the identification and treatment of dementia, as well as the services and support available for patients and carers.

### **How to book your place**

Places are limited so you are advised to book as soon as possible – please email [matthew.akid@chelwest.nhs.uk](mailto:matthew.akid@chelwest.nhs.uk) or phone 020 3315 6828 to reserve your place.

### **Hospital Open Day**

## **11am-3pm, Saturday 12 May**

This year's hospital Open Day will be held on **Saturday 12 May** from **11am-3pm** – everyone is welcome to attend this popular annual event which will include:

- Teddy Bear Hospital
- Tours of the new Chelsea Children's Hospital
- Launch of the Trust's new values
- Careers event
- Free health checks
- Live music organised by Hospital Arts

Look out for more details of the Open Day in April's *Trust News* magazine which will be sent to all patient and public Foundation Trust members later this month.

## **Hundreds of staff nominated for Star Awards**

Thank you to all Foundation Trust members who took the time and trouble to nominate staff for the first Chelsea and Westminster Star Awards in recognition of their outstanding work.

We received more than 120 nominations for the Patient Choice category together with more than 650 nominations from staff for the 17 Staff Choice categories. In addition, Governors nominated staff for the Council of Governors Special Award.

The Star Awards shortlist will be published next week at [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/star-awards](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/star-awards) and the winners will be announced at an awards evening to be held at Chelsea Football Club on 14 May.

Chief Executive, Heather Lawrence says: "I feel privileged to lead an NHS organisation with so many talented and dedicated staff and I am grateful to all Foundation Trust members who nominated individuals and teams of staff for our inaugural Chelsea and Westminster Star Awards."

The Star Awards have been made possible by a grant from Chelsea and Westminster Health Charity – we thank them for their support.

## **Foundation Trust members have their say on our values**

Thank you to all Foundation Trust members who helped develop our values by taking part in the 'Who do you think WE are?' consultation in February.

More than 800 people voted for their top four values from a shortlist of 12 options and our three focus groups for Foundation Trust members were well attended.

Our values will define what patients should expect when they are cared for at Chelsea and Westminster and how all staff can help to meet these expectations.

The Trust's Board of Directors agreed our four values at their meeting on 29 March – they will be unveiled in April's *Trust News* magazine and launched publicly at the hospital Open Day on 12 May.

## **'Meet a Governor' sessions**

### **April and May**

Members have the opportunity to meet their elected representatives on the Council of Governors at regular 'Meet a Governor' sessions which are held in the Information Zone on the Ground Floor of the hospital (near Costa Coffee).

Why not come along for an informal chat or give your views on the hospital to them?

'Meet a Governor' sessions in April and May are as follows:

- **Wednesday 18 April**, 1–3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)
- **Thursday 3 May**, 2–3pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- **Wednesday 16 May**, 1–3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)

### **Council of Governors meeting**

#### **Thursday 3 May**

The next meeting of the Council of Governors – made up of patient, public and staff representatives elected by Foundation Trust members – will be held at **4pm** on **Thursday 3 May** in the **Boardroom** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of the hospital.