



Members' News

August 2012

Welcome to our monthly email newsletter for Foundation Trust members.

Members' News aims to keep you up-to-date with all the latest developments at 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.

New Chief Executive to join the Trust in September

Tony Bell OBE takes up his post as the new Chief Executive of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on Monday 3 September. He has worked in the NHS for 30 years, having trained and worked as a nurse for many years before moving into management, and joins us from Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust where he has been Chief Executive since 2007.

Tony says: "I am looking forward to working with so many talented and dedicated staff who have helped make Chelsea and Westminster one of the best NHS trusts in the country. I aim to lead the Trust to continued success so that we provide the best possible care for all patients."

Annual Members' Meeting

Thursday 13 September

All Foundation Trust members are invited to attend our Annual Members' Meeting at **5:30pm** on **Thursday 13 September** in the **Restaurant** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of **Chelsea and Westminster Hospital**.

This will be an opportunity to hear from our new Chief Executive, Tony Bell and to quiz the Trust Board about life at Chelsea and Westminster over the past 12 months and our future plans.

Frontline clinical staff will give presentations about the introduction of 'wellbeing rounds' on our wards and a new 'care bundle' approach to treating patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting when you can meet and chat informally with Tony Bell and other members of the Trust Board.

We look forward to seeing you there.

'Safe in our hands'

Support the campaign to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster

A major public consultation on changes to A&E departments and other NHS services in North West London – *Shaping a healthier future* – got underway on 2 July and will run until Monday 8 October.

Please support Option A in the consultation for Chelsea and Westminster to be designated as a 'major hospital' with a full A&E service.

If Chelsea and Westminster is downgraded to a 'local hospital' without a full A&E, many other services including our Maternity Unit would be lost – in the view of the Trust Board, this would make us non-viable and could even lead to the closure of the hospital.

Please join the 'Safe in our hands' campaign to support Chelsea and Westminster by voting for Option A in the consultation:

- Vote online at www.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk/have-your-say
- Request a hard copy of the consultation document and response form by emailing consultation@nw.london.nhs.uk, phoning 0800 881 5209 (freephone) or writing to FREEPOST SHAPING A HEALTHIER FUTURE CONSULTATION (this must be written in capital letters and on one line, no stamp required)

Suggested answers to complete the consultation response form in support of Option A for Chelsea and Westminster are available at www.safeinourhands.info.

Acting Chief Executive Dr Mike Anderson says: "I would like to personally encourage Foundation Trust members to take part in the public consultation."

Thank you for your support.

'Business as usual' during Olympics

It was 'business as usual' at Chelsea and Westminster during last weekend's Olympic cycling road races despite restricted road access to the hospital.

Our staff ensured that women in labour, parents of sick children, and relatives of other seriously ill patients were able to get to the hospital without delay.

On Saturday 28 July alone (when the men's cycling road race was held):

- 9 women gave birth in our Maternity Unit
- 260 patients were treated in A&E

- 99.2% of A&E patients were seen and treated within 4 hours (most were seen much more quickly)
- 32 patients were admitted to inpatient wards
- 19 patients were taken home by Patient Transport drivers

If you are coming to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital during the Olympics period, check www.chelwest.nhs.uk/olympics for all the latest information to help you plan your journey

Nominate your NHS Heroes

A new awards scheme has been launched to recognise the great work that individual members of staff and teams do every day in the NHS in England.

NHS Heroes is your chance to nominate someone who always goes the extra mile to provide exceptional care to ensure that patients receive the very best treatment.

If you would like to nominate a member of Chelsea and Westminster staff or a team as your NHS Hero, please complete the nomination form at www.nhsheroes.com.

'Meet a Governor' sessions

August

Members have the opportunity to meet their elected representatives on the Council of Governors at regular 'Meet a Governor' sessions 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 August are as follows:

- **Friday 3 August**, 1-2pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- **Tuesday 7 August**, 11am–12 noon—Chris Birch (Patient Governor)
- **Wednesday 15 August**, 1–3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)
- **Friday 17 August**, 4-5pm—Cass J Cass-Horne (Patient Governor)

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