



Members' News

December 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 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. Hospital

Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster – Monday 17 December

This year Chelsea and Westminster Hospital is celebrating Christmas with a special event on **Monday 17 December** from **5–7pm**.

Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster is a chance for us to celebrate the festive season with our local community and thank everyone who supported our 'Safe in our hands' campaign to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital during the recent *Shaping a healthier future* public consultation about changes to NHS services in North West London.

The event starts at 5pm when our special guests, the Chelsea Pensioners, will be switching on our Christmas tree lights.

There will be live music from 5–5:45pm from the All Saints Putney Junior Singers and from 6–6:45pm from Dick Laurie's Elastic Band.

Charities associated with the hospital will have stands on the Ground Floor, there will be festive food and drink, and even a Santa's Grotto for the children.

Please come and join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Thank you to the Council of Governors for making this event possible through their funding.

Public supports Option A to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster

More than 80% of people responding to the *Shaping a healthier future* public consultation about proposed changes to NHS services in North West London have supported Option A to designate Chelsea and Westminster as a major hospital with a full A&E service.

Ipsos MORI announced the results of the consultation, which took place from July to October this year, at a public meeting on 28 November.

According to their analysis of the public consultation results, 83% of respondents supported Option A which proposes there should be five major hospitals with full A&E departments in North West London—including Chelsea and Westminster.

More than 11,000 people completed a postcard to register their support for the 'Safe in our hands'

campaign which was run by Chelsea and Westminster during the public consultation to encourage patients, local residents and staff to vote for Option A.

More than 6,500 people also signed an online petition in support of Option A which was set up by Chelsea and Westminster Foundation Trust Governors—elected representatives of patients, members of the public and staff.

Tony Bell, Chief Executive of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, says: "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the 'Safe in our hands' campaign to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster.

"The results of the *Shaping a Healthier Future* public consultation demonstrate that their voice was heard and made a real difference to the outcome of the consultation."

Final recommendations put forward by NHS North West London are expected to be considered in February 2013.

Results of the Council of Governors elections

Foundation Trust members voted in elections to the Council of Governors last month. Election results were published on the Trust website on 23 November.

Elections were held in the following constituencies:

- **6 Patient Governors**

- **3 Public Governors**
 - Hammersmith & Fulham Area 2
 - Kensington & Chelsea Area 1
 - Wandsworth Area 2

- **4 Staff Governors**
 - Allied Health Professionals, Scientific & Technical
 - Contracted
 - Management
 - Medical & Dental

The following constituencies were uncontested and the results were as follows:

- **Public: Wandsworth Area 2**
 - Steve Worrall (elected unopposed)
- **Staff: Allied Health Professionals, Scientific and Technical**
 - James Dennis (elected unopposed)
- **Staff: Contracted**
 - Julie Armstrong (elected unopposed)
- **Staff: Medical & Dental**
 - Professor Brian Gazzard (elected unopposed)

The results in constituencies where elections were contested were as follows:

- **Patient Governors**
 - Walter Balmford
 - Thomas Church
 - Alan Cleary (re-elected)
 - Susan Maxwell (re-elected)
 - Wendie McWatters (re-elected)
 - Tera Younger

- **Public: Hammersmith & Fulham Area 2**
 - Christine Blewett (re-elected)

No nominations were received for the following constituencies:

- **Public: Kensington & Chelsea Area 1**

- **Staff: Management**

'Meet a Governor' sessions

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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 for the rest of this month are as follows:

- **Wednesday 12 December**, 10-11am— Kathryn Mangold (Staff Governor)
- **Thursday 13 December**, 3:30-4:30pm— Wendie McWatters (Patient Governor)