



# Members' News

## January 2013

*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.*

### **'Medicine for Members' seminars**

Chelsea and Westminster's popular series of free health seminars for Foundation Trust members returns with 2 events in February.

You can book your place for either event by emailing [medicine4members@chelwest.nhs.uk](mailto:medicine4members@chelwest.nhs.uk) or phoning 020 3315 6829/2767 – please specify which seminar you wish to attend.

#### **End of Life Care Tuesday 19 February**

We have organised a seminar on the topic of end of life care following recent extensive media coverage of the use of the Liverpool Care Pathway for patients who are dying.

Come along to hear our experts talk about different aspects of end of life care for patients and support for their families both in the last days of life and in their bereavement.

Confirmed speakers include Dr Sarah Cox (Palliative Care Consultant), Dr Richard Morgan (Consultant Physician) and Russ Hargreaves (Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Manager).

This seminar will be held at **5:30pm** on **Tuesday 19 February** in the **Postgraduate Lecture Theatre** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, SW10 9NH.

#### **Managing Your Medicines Wednesday 27 February**

This seminar promises to be of particular interest to older patients who are on medication for a number of

different medical conditions.

Come along to hear our experts talk about how you can manage your medicines to improve your health.

The speakers will be Dr Iñaki Bovill (Consultant in Medicine for the Elderly) and Shirley Kuo (Clinical Pharmacist).

This seminar will be held at **5:30pm on Wednesday 27 February** in the **Postgraduate Lecture Theatre** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, SW10 9NH.

### **Latest News**

Chelsea and Westminster was named as 1 of the 5 safest hospitals in England with lower than expected mortality rates in the **Dr Foster Hospital Guide**, an annual independent healthcare survey published on 3 December. See [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/1-of-best-5-hospitals-for-low-mortality-rates](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/1-of-best-5-hospitals-for-low-mortality-rates) for full details.

***The Times 'Britain's Top 100 Children's Doctors'***, published on 15 December, included 5 doctors from the Chelsea Children's Hospital at Chelsea and Westminster. They included Dr Ed Abrahamson (Lead Consultant, Children's A&E), Kate Barnard (Paediatric Dentist), Mr Simon Eccles (Craniofacial Surgeon and Clinical Director, Chelsea Children's Hospital), Professor Neena Modi (Head, Neonatal Medicine Research Unit) and Mr Munther Haddad (Service Director, Paediatric Surgery). See [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/news-archive/2012/5-cw-doctors-in-times-top-100-doctors](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/news-archive/2012/5-cw-doctors-in-times-top-100-doctors) for full details.

96% of Chelsea and Westminster patients would recommend the hospital to their friends and family, according to the first month's results of the new **Friends and Family Test**. Patients being discharged from an adult inpatient ward or from A&E are given a postcard asking them if they would recommend Chelsea and Westminster to their friends and family based on their experience in the hospital. See [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/news-archive/2012/patients-recommend-the-hospital-to-friends-and-family](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/news-archive/2012/patients-recommend-the-hospital-to-friends-and-family) for full details.

### ***Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster***

Thank you to all Foundation Trust members who joined us on Monday 17 December for our first *Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster* event.

This was 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.

Photos of the event are available at [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/hundreds-celebrate-christmas-at-chelsea-and-westminster](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/about-us/news/hundreds-celebrate-christmas-at-chelsea-and-westminster).

Thank you to the Council of Governors for making our *Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster* event possible through their funding.

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

#### **January**

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:

- **Tuesday 8 January**, 11am-12 noon—Chris Birch (Patient Governor)

- **Tuesday 8 January**, 2:30-3.30pm—Wendie McWatters (Patient Governor)
- **Thursday 10 January**, 2-3pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- **Wednesday 23 January**, 1-2pm—Martin Lewis (Public Governor)

If you cannot attend these dates, please contact the PALS Office on 020 3315 6727 and we will ask a Governor to meet you at your convenience.