



Members' News

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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.

Medical Director takes charge as Acting Chief Executive

Dr Mike Anderson, the Trust's Medical Director, is our Acting Chief Executive during July and August following Heather Lawrence's departure on Friday 29 June after 12 successful years as Chief Executive.

He will be at the helm over the summer months before Tony Bell takes up his post as the new permanent Chief Executive of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on Monday 3 September.

Dr Anderson says: "Heather led the Trust to Foundation Trust status in 2006 and demonstrated outstanding leadership, working with the Board and all staff to make Chelsea and Westminster one of the best performing NHS trusts in the country.

"My role over the next two months is to ensure that we maintain that level of performance so that we provide the best possible care for patients before I hand over to our new Chief Executive, Tony Bell.

"My focus will be on excellence in clinical care and improving the patient experience."

Support us to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

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 Monday 2 July and will last for 14 weeks until Monday 8 October.

The *Shaping a healthier future* programme includes proposals to reduce the number of full A&E departments in North West London with a choice between retaining a full A&E service at either Chelsea and Westminster Hospital or Charing Cross Hospital.

Acting Chief Executive, Dr Mike Anderson says: “We are delighted that the consultation recommends keeping a full A&E service at Chelsea and Westminster but we must guard against complacency and demonstrate why maintaining our A&E department is best for patients.

“Of course, any proposals to change NHS services will always be controversial because these are public services and, quite rightly, people living in North West London feel a strong emotional attachment to their local hospitals.

“During the public consultation we will be making the case for why Chelsea and Westminster is the best place for an A&E department in our area of London.

“I would also like to personally encourage Foundation Trust members to play their part by supporting us in the public consultation.”

You can support Chelsea and Westminster by voting for Option A in the consultation – more information is available on the [Shaping a healthier future website](#) and you can [vote online](#).

‘Meet a Governor’ sessions - July

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 July are as follows:

- **Thursday 12 July**, 1-2pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- **Saturday 14 July**, 1–2pm—C J Cass-Horne (Patient Governor)
- **Monday 16 July**, 1–3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)

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 meet our new Chief Executive, Tony Bell, who joins the Trust on Monday 3 September, and to quiz the Trust Board about life at Chelsea and Westminster over the past 12 months and our future plans.

More details will be provided in the August/September edition of our hospital magazine *Trust*

News which will be sent to all Foundation Trust members.

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