



Members' News

March 2012

Welcome to the second 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.

Do you know a Chelsea and Westminster Star? Nominations now open for first annual staff awards

The search is on for the outstanding individuals and teams of staff who make the greatest difference to our patients as we launch the first Chelsea and Westminster Star Awards.

Foundation Trust members are invited to nominate staff for the Patient Choice Award.

Do you know a member of staff who deserves recognition for their outstanding work? Or perhaps you would like to nominate a team or even a whole ward or department.

Chief Executive, Heather Lawrence says: "I feel privileged to lead an NHS organisation with so many talented and dedicated staff and I hope that Foundation Trust members will nominate individuals and teams of staff for the inaugural Chelsea and Westminster Star Awards."

It could not be easier to get involved – simply go to www.chelwest.nhs.uk/star-awards to complete an online application form or pick up a nomination form from the M-PALS Office on the Ground Floor of the hospital from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

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

'Who do you think WE are?' – developing the Trust's 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 results of the consultation are now being analysed and will be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting on 29 March for agreement of our four values.

Our values will be unveiled in the April/May edition of *Trust News*, which will be sent to all Foundation Trust members, and launched publicly at the hospital Open Day on Saturday 12 May.

'Medicine for Members' free health event – Bowel Cancer Awareness

We launched a new series of health events exclusively for Foundation Trust members—'Medicine for Members' – with a Bowel Cancer Awareness seminar on Wednesday 22 February.

A packed audience in the hospital's Postgraduate Lecture Theatre heard our experts talk about how to reduce the risk of developing bowel cancer and what signs to keep an eye out for. The seminar coincided with a major new Government publicity campaign to encourage awareness and therefore early diagnosis.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. All members who completed an evaluation form after the seminar said they found the event useful and that they understood more about bowel cancer as a result of attending.

See April's *Members' News* for details of the second 'Medicine for Members' event and how to book your place.

BBC junior doctors documentary – last episode Tuesday 6 March

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital is the setting for the popular BBC documentary series *Junior Doctors: Your Life In Their Hands* which has proved a big hit with 1 million viewers tuning in every week – the 7th and final episode will be shown on BBC3 at **9pm** on **Tuesday 6 March**.

Open Day – Saturday 12 May Save the date

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.

Events confirmed already include the launch of the Trust's new values and a chance to see behind the scenes of the new Chelsea Children's Hospital.

Look out for more details of Open Day events in April's *Members' News*.

'Meet a Governor' opportunities in March

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 March are as follows:

Tuesday 13 March, 1–3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)
Thursday 15 March, 12 noon–1pm - Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)

Next 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.

All Foundation Trust members and other members of the public are welcome to attend.