



Members' News

May 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.

[Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Open Day 2013](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual open day on Saturday 11 May. It was an action packed day once again with over 2000 visitors. Special guest Maureen Lipman officially opened the event and spent the morning visiting stands with Chief Executive Tony Bell.

The star attraction was the new paediatric surgical robot which visitors could see in action as part of the Chelsea Children's Hospital tour. (Further information about the robot can be found below.) The Teddy Bear Hospital in the Children's Zone once again proved popular as well as the health checks in the Health and Well Being Zone. The Career Zone returned for a second year and gave young people the opportunity to hear from health care professionals from across the Trust and find out how to get started in their NHS career.

[Elections to the Council of Governors](#)

If you are a Foundation Trust member, you can have your say on the future of your hospital when elections to the Council of Governors are held next month.

Elections will be held in the following constituencies of the Council of Governors:

- 1 Patient representative
- 2 Public representatives
 - Hammersmith and Fulham Area 1

- Kensington and Chelsea Area 1
- 1 Staff representative
- Management

Members registered in these constituencies are invited to nominate themselves to stand for election.

The deadline for Foundation Trust members to nominate themselves for election is 24 May 2013.

Ballot papers will be posted to members registered in the constituencies where elections will be held on 13 June 2013. The deadline for voting (when completed voting papers must be posted to the Returning Officer, Idox Elections, 25D Bishop Street, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, BT48 6PR) is 4 July 2013. Election results will be published on the Trust's website on 8 July 2013.

For any queries relating to election process, please contact Vida Djelic, Foundation Trust Secretary, on 020 3315 6716 or vida.djelic@chelwest.nhs.uk

Next 'Medicine for Members' seminar

Following feedback from previous seminars, the next event will focus on pain management and takes place on Monday 20 May at 5.30pm in the postgraduate lecture theatre. It will include an overall guide to pain medicine and possible therapies. All are welcome, please contact medicine4members@chelwest.nhs.uk or 020 3315 6829/2767 if you would like to attend.

Latest News

The Children's Hospital Trust Fund buys Chelsea and Westminster Hospital the UK's first surgical robot to be used solely for surgery on babies and children.

The state-of-art surgical robot, which cost over £1 million, was bought thanks to the charity's Pluto Appeal fundraising campaign. The Children's Hospital Trust Fund has kindly donated the robot to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, which sees 85,000 babies and children from all over South East England through its doors every year.

End of year service performance

The Trust had a hugely successful year due to the hard work of teams with a range of notable outcomes including a strong emergency access performance, sound progress in improving elective access and 95% achievement of delivery of commissioners' quality improvement goals.

In 2013/14 we plan to build on this to further improve patient experience, access, the quality and productivity of service provision and our reputation overall as a hospital that staff are proud to work in and that is the first choice of patients.

A&E

We are delighted to announce that Chelsea and Westminster has the best record in the country for the four hour national target. This is testament to the commitment of the A&E and patient flow teams in diagnosing and treating patients efficiently over the past year.

['Meet a Governor' sessions](#)

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 and give your views on the hospital?

'Meet-a-Governor' sessions for the rest of this month are as follows:

May

- Thursday 16 May, 2:30–3:30pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- Monday 20 May, 2–4pm—Anna Hodson-Pressinger (Patient Governor)
- Tuesday 21 May, 2-3pm—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.

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