



Members' News

October 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 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.

'Safe in our hands'

Thank you for supporting the campaign to keep A&E at Chelsea and Westminster

A major public consultation on changes to A&E departments and other NHS services in North West London – *Shaping a healthier future* – ends on Monday 8 October.

Thank you to all Foundation Trust members who supported our 'Safe in our hands' campaign to keep Chelsea and Westminster as a 'major hospital' with a full A&E service.

More than 11,000 people completed a 'Safe in our hands' postcard to register their support for the hospital and more than 6,500 people signed the online petition set up by elected representatives of staff, patients and members of the public on the Council of Governors.

The postcards and petition will be submitted to NHS North West London as evidence of public support for safeguarding services at Chelsea and Westminster.

NHS North West London is due to make a decision about changes to NHS services in early 2013.

Thank you for your support.

2 'Medicine for Members' free health events in November – book your place today

Our regular Medicine for Members seminars are proving popular with Foundation Trust members and so we have organised 2 events for November – see details below.

Early booking is advisable. Email medicine4members@chelwest.nhs.uk or phone 020 3315 6828/9 to reserve your place – please specify which seminar you are booking for.

Diabetes seminar

Wednesday 14 November

Dr Michael Feher (Consultant in Diabetes & Clinical Pharmacology) will be our keynote speaker at this seminar which is taking place on World Diabetes Day.

Dr Feher will be joined by a specialist nurse and a dietitian from the Beta Cell Diabetes Centre which is

based in the new Lower Ground Floor Outpatients Department at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

It will be held at **5:30pm** on **Wednesday 14 November** in the **Postgraduate Lecture Theatre** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, SW10 9NH.

Dementia seminar Wednesday 21 November

When we held a dementia seminar earlier this year, it proved so popular that we are repeating it – priority booking has been given to members who wanted to come to the seminar in May but who we were unable to accommodate because the event was full. However, a limited number of places are still available.

The keynote speakers are Dr Richard Morgan (Consultant Physician, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital) and Dr Claudia Wald (Consultant Psychiatrist, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Memory Services).

Come along to hear our experts talk about advances in the identification and treatment of dementia, as well as the services and support available for patients and carers.

It will be held at **5:30pm** on **Wednesday 21 November** in the **Postgraduate Lecture Theatre** on the **Lower Ground Floor** of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, SW10 9NH.

'Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster' - Monday 17 December

All Foundation Trust members are invited to join us at Chelsea and Westminster this Christmas for a very special event to mark the festive season.

The 'Christmas at Chelsea and Westminster' event on **Monday 17 December** will include the presentation of Christmas Cheer Awards to staff who have gone the extra mile to provide excellent standards of care for patients this year and the switching on of the lights on the hospital's spectacular Christmas tree.

The awards will take place at **4pm**, followed on by the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at **5pm**, with music, seasonal food and drink, and much more from **5-7pm**.

We hope you can join us – see future editions of this newsletter for more details.

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

Council of Governors elections

Foundation Trust members are invited to stand for election to the Council of Governors this autumn. The following patient and public constituencies will be contested:

- **6 Patient representative**
- **3 Public representatives**
 - Hammersmith and Fulham Area 2
 - Kensington and Chelsea Area 1
 - Wandsworth Area 2

Members registered in these constituencies are invited to nominate themselves to stand for election by the deadline of 15 October – nomination forms are available to download from the Trust website at www.chelwest.nhs.uk/elections.

Ballot papers will be posted to members registered to vote in the constituencies where elections are being held on 1 November. The deadline for completed ballot papers to be received by the Returning Officer is 22 November. Election results will be published on the Trust website on 23 November.

If members have election queries, please contact Vida Djelic (Foundation Trust Secretary) on 020 3315 6716 or vida.djelic@chelwest.nhs.uk.

'Meet a Governor' sessions

October

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 in October are as follows:

- **Saturday 6 October**, 10-11am—C J Cass-Horne (Patient Governor)
- **Monday 8 October**, 1:30-2:30pm—Martin Lewis (Patient Governor)
- **Wednesday 10 October**, 1:30-2:30pm—Martin Lewis (Patient Governor)
- **Monday 15 October**, 1-3pm—Melvyn Jeremiah (Public Governor)
- **Saturday 20 October**, 10-11am—C J Cass-Horne (Patient Governor)
- **Monday 22 October**, 12:30-1:30pm—Susan Maxwell (Patient Governor)
- **Saturday 27 October**, 10:30-11:30am—C J Cass-Horne (Patient Governor)
- **Monday 29 October**, 3-4pm—Kathryn Mangold (Staff Governor)