



MEMBERS' NEWS

Dear member,

Aquatics teacher and charity worker amongst newly elected Derbyshire Healthcare governors

Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of four new governors, who will represent the views of people in their local constituencies and hold the Trust's Board of Directors to account.

Our members chose the following four people to represent them as governors:

Annaf Khatoon - Derby City East (one of two seats) public governor

Annaf already volunteers for the Trust and is an aquatics teacher and a wellbeing advisor for her local council. She likes to stay active, using her job roles as a positive force to drive herself, and others, into bettering themselves.



Amie Elliott – Erewash South public governor

Amie works part-time for a registered charity and social care provider in Erewash, so already has an insight into the issues that arise for people with mental health issues and physical health issues. She aims to assist in the ongoing advancement of the Trust.



Joanne Slinn – Administration and Allied Support staff governor

Jo has worked for the Trust for 11 years, undertaking varied administration roles. Jo is passionate about staff engagement and is looking forward to representing staff throughout all levels of the organisation.



Linda Beresford – Nursing and Allied Professions staff governor

Linda is Community Psychiatric Nurse Lead for Older People's Services but has also worked in acute, forensic and learning disability settings. She believes that becoming a governor will enhance her working practices and help her to improve the patient experience.



Annaf, Amie, Joanne and Linda will now take their seats on Derbyshire Healthcare's Council of Governors.

Get to know your governor

Contacting your local governor is a key way to get involved in our work and ensure that we provide the best possible care and treatment. You can contact your local governor by emailing governors@derbyshcft.nhs.uk (please say where you live, so we can forward on your message to the appropriate governor) or calling the Membership team on 01332 623723.

More governor profiles are available to view on the [membership section](#) of our website.

Annual Members' Meeting

Derbyshire Healthcare's Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 September, from 4pm, at Chesterfield Football Club, Proact Stadium, 1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 8NZ.

Hear from service users, staff and partners, who will deliver their views on how the Trust values people.

Refreshments, including a buffet, will be provided. Members will also have the opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors and our governors.

Please note that this date has changed from the advertised date in the January 2015 edition of Connections magazine.

Dates for your diary

- 8 June – Carers Week
- 8 June – Dietitians Week
- 12 June – National NHS BME Network annual conference – our Chief Executive, Steve Trenchard, will present
- 15 June – Learning Disability Week

- 16 June – Dementia Q&A, Midway day hospital, Ilkeston
- 24 June – Trust Board meeting

Looking ahead...

- 10 September – World Suicide Prevention Day
- 23 September – Annual Members Meeting, Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ

Next Council of Governors' meetings

Every three months, Trust governors meet the executive team to discuss issues and give feedback from their constituents. These meetings are open to the public – if you would like to attend and have any special requirements, please contact the membership team on 01332 623723 or email membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk.

2015 meeting dates:

Tuesday 16 June 2015, 1pm - 4pm (Conference Rooms A&B at the Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ).

Tuesday 8 September 2015, 1pm - 4pm (The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Alfreton, DE55 2EJ).

Tuesday 8 December 2015, 1pm - 4pm (Conference Rooms A&B at the Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ).

21c #JoinedUpCare newsletter – an update on north Derbyshire transformation

The north Derbyshire 21c #JoinedUpCare transformation programme has published the May 2015 edition of its newsletter, which gives an update on the current work programme. To view the newsletter, please visit the [21c #JoinedUpCare website](#).

New Cubley Court ADL kitchen to give independence to dementia patients

Dementia patients under the care of Cubley Court, based on the Kingsway Site in Derby, are set to benefit from a new ADL (activities for daily living) kitchen following feedback from the ward's equality impact assessment.

The kitchen was officially opened on 26 May by Carolyn Green, Executive Director of Nursing & Patient Experience, after months of hard work by the team at Cubley Court and the Estates Department.

A patient who visited the Cubley Court's new ADL kitchen said: "This feels just like home and very cosy. Doesn't the bakery smell lovely? I really like this new kitchen because I just love washing up." The lady did not want to leave the kitchen until it was immaculate and to a standard that she would leave her own kitchen at home.

And finally.....

Health visitor team wins international recognition for making Derby more ‘baby friendly’

Congratulations to our health visiting service which has received the prestigious Baby Friendly Award for its clear efforts in supporting local mothers to breastfeed and, by doing so, building parent-infant relationships. The award was given to the service following an assessment by a Unicef team which showed that global evidence-based best practice standards were in place. The award will be re-assessed in April 2017.

The Baby Friendly Initiative, set up by Unicef and WHO, is a global programme which provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies. In the UK, the initiative works with maternity hospitals, health visiting services and universities to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding and to strengthen mother-baby and family relationships. Support for these relationships is important for all babies, not only those who are breastfed.

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