

Tweet of the month: @Team_OT_LCH "Happy nurses day to all our fab nurses across ULHT👏👏👏👏👏👏".

Come along to our locality forums in July

Our quarterly locality forums are open to everyone, and provide a chance to get involved with what's going on within the Trust.

The next set of meetings are taking place in July, please contact us for an agenda if you wish to come.

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Grantham	Meeting Room 3	Monday 4 July	2pm – 4pm
Lincoln	Trust Boardroom	Thursday 14 July	6pm – 8pm
Boston	Meeting Room 3	Monday 18 July	6pm – 8pm
Louth	Thoresby Suite	Thursday 21 July	2pm – 4pm

Getting involved with our hospitals

There are a number of ways you can get involved with our hospitals. Please find details of our latest opportunities below.

Some activities are only open to members who have been through our Trust members' training programme, so please contact us if you are interested in being trained.

Interview panel

We are looking for a patient representative to be part of the interview panel for a matron. The interview is on Friday 3 June at Pilgrim hospital. If you would like to be a part of the panel, please let us know by Monday 30 May. We are looking for one patient representative and we will be in touch if you have been selected.

If you would like to be part of a future interview panels, you will need to undergo a short specialist training course. If you are interested, please contact membership office.

Patient Group Direction

We are looking for a patient representative for Patient Group Direction, to provide a patient perspective on the work that we do and help in our decision-making.

A Patient Group Direction (PGD) allows named registered healthcare professionals to supply and/or administer medicines to groups of patients that fit certain criteria. It is a sub-group of the Drug and Therapeutics Committee looking specifically at authorising and monitoring medicine use in the Trust. The group meets for a couple of hours four times a year at Lincoln County Hospital. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Pathway reviews

We are now continuing with our programme of ward visits and inspections across the Trust. You may previously have been involved in our pathway reviews which reflect the way in which the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducts visits and inspections.

We would like to invite you to be a part of this process to gather a patient perspective on our wards and departments as part of the inspections. If you are available to help us with the pathway review at Lincoln County Hospital on Tuesday 28 June please let us know.

For any enquiries, comments and to express an interest in any of our meetings or activities, please contact the membership office on (01522) 572301 or email members@ulh.nhs.uk

News

ULHT comes out top for recruiting patients to clinical trials



ULHT has been named the top organisation for recruiting patients to a global trial looking at improving care for people with bowel conditions.

Helen Walker, colorectal nurse specialist at ULHT, has achieved national recognition by recruiting the first global patient to take part in a clinical trial at the Trust and has been named top UK recruiter.

Helen works with patients who suffer with bowel diseases such as bowel cancer and inflammatory conditions such as colitis and Crohn's disease, who often have a stoma

Speaking of her achievement, Helen said: "Having a stoma can be difficult for patients and takes time to come to terms with. It can also be quite tough for them to deal with the physical effects of treatment. Taking part in these trials means we can offer the latest drugs and treatments, helping to improve the care and experience we can give to our patients."

All's well with soundWELL at Lincoln County Hospital

The paediatric wards and playrooms at Lincoln County Hospital have been alive with the sound of music for the last few months.



ULHT and soundLINCS have collaborated on soundWELL, a hands-on music workshop encouraging young patients to participate in a fun, relaxing and therapeutic music experience.



The project involved an incredible inspiration week, which saw the playroom on Rainforest ward transformed into a sensory installation of video, sound and light. This created a relaxing environment, providing patients with a welcome distraction from the ward.

Come and join United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

ULHT is holding a recruitment open day on Saturday 21 May at Grantham and District Hospital, to give people the chance to find out about working at the hospital.

There will be a chance to tour the wards and departments, meet staff and find out why ULHT is a great place to work. Information will also be available on apprenticeships and return to practice.

We have a wide range of roles available at Grantham Hospital for qualified health professionals including registered nurses occupational therapists and physiotherapists, as well as health care support workers, portering, housekeeping and administrators.

Trust performance – year 2015/16

The Trust did not achieve the 4 hour waiting time target in A&E in the last year (86.50%)

The 18 week referral to treatment incomplete target wasn't achieved in the year 2015/16 (91.88%)

4 out of the 9 cancer targets were achieved in the year 2015/16

The Trust has had 1 case of MRSA during 2015/16 to date.

The latest mortality position is 101.69 for Sep 2014 – Aug 2015 (HSMR)

The next public Trust Board meeting is on Tuesday 7 June in Training room 1 at Grantham and District Hospital.

What we've been doing

When members take part in patient representative activities, they are asked to fill out forms to log attendance and feedback contribution and questions, here are some of the points members wanted to feed back in the past month:

Attendance at outpatients transformation committee by Roger Thorley in May 2016

- Issue with availability of patient records is still not fully resolved as the process is to be finalised.

Attendance at enhanced care group by Peter Palmer in May 2016

- Problems with identifying patients with enhanced care needs to be addressed.
- A traffic lights system (red, amber and green colouring coding) was introduced instead of digital scoring in a risk assessment, as it is quicker to use and easier to understand by busy staff.
- There is a lot of work being undertaken in Ward 6b to assist confused patients.