Members' Newsletter

Your monthly update. Issue 26- May 2017



Tweet of the month: "@LucyLee1305 @ULHT_News incredible care and attention given to my 91 year old dad today at #LincolnCounty".

Come along to our central members meeting

These meetings are open to everyone and provide a chance to get involved with what's going on within the Trust.

Please contact the membership office to confirm your attendance. The agenda will be sent to those who RSVP.

Location	Date	Time
Skegness	Monday 19 June	10am—12pm

Getting involved with our hospitals

There are a number of ways our members 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.

Members training

Members can get involved with the Trust in a number of ways. These include attending Trust meetings, helping to carry out visits and inspections to provide a patient perspective on our services, wards and departments or sitting on job interview panels, If you are interested in becoming a patient representative, please come along to a members training session. The training sessions will be held on the same day safeguarding courses, which all patient representatives are also expected to complete.

Please see the dates and locations of the training sessions below:

- Tuesday 4 July at Lincoln County Hospital Safeguarding course 9.30am—1.30pm Members training 2pm—3pm
- Friday 7 July 2017 at Grantham hospital Safeguarding course 9.30am—1.30pm Members training 2pm—3pm

In order to book your place please contact the membership office.

Organ donation committee

We are looking for a patient representative to join the organ donation committee. The committee meets quarterly at Lincoln County Hospital. If organ donation is a subject close to your heart for personal or professional reasons, or if you have any background in this area, please contact the membership office.

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

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Recognition and celebration for hundreds of dedicated hospital staff



Staff at ULHT have been recognised for their hard work and dedication at a special awards evening.

Over 200 members of staff and patients from a wide range of roles across the Trust attended the annual ULHT staff awards on Thursday 4 May at the EPIC Centre, Lincolnshire Showground which was hosted by BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Melvyn Prior.

There were 14 award categories including awards for care, compassion and respect, great patient

experience and unsung hero. Each highly commended and overall award winner was presented with a trophy or certificate by a member of the board, a patient representative, team manager or sponsor.

This year saw a record number of nominations with 690 received, all showcasing the enthusiasm and quality of care that is given to patients and colleagues. This is a huge increase from when the awards started in 2014 and received 150.

A raffle held on the evening also raised £558 to help fund next year's event as the whole awards are funded entirely by sponsorship and charitable funds.

Trust Chair Dean Fathers said: "The stories we heard on the evening represent just a handful of the 690 nominations which were made for the awards this year, which demonstrates just how amazing our staff are and how grateful their colleagues and patients are."



Grantham A&E opening hours to remain 8am to 6.30pm

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust board has announced that the opening hours of Grantham A&E will remain 8am to 6.30pm, seven days a week. The board reviewed the opening hours of Grantham A&E at its board meeting in May and considered the views of the most senior consultants, A&E medical and nursing staff, stakeholders and the public.

Although our doctor numbers are higher than in August, we still have 18.6 middle grades for all our A&Es at Lincoln, Pilgrim and Grantham which is below the required number of 21 to have all three departments open 24/7. We will review the opening hours at our Board meeting in three months time.

Trust performance – March 2017

- We have a target that 95% of patients visiting
 A&E should be seen and either treated, admitted
 or discharged within four hours. For the month of
 March our performance was 78.83%.
- We have a target to have seen 92% of patients within 18 weeks of a GP referral, and during March 2017 our performance was 86.96%.
- We achieved four out of the nine cancer targets set for us.
 - Our latest hospital standardised mortality (HSMR) performance, for June 2015 to May 2016, is 101.76. This is within expected levels.

The next public Trust Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 June at Auditorium, New Life Centre in Sleaford.