

Members' Newsletter

Your monthly update. Issue 27– June 2017

Tweet of the month: “@arthurliverpool @JanSobieraj you’ve got great staff in Short Stay Cardiac: Lincoln CH, under nurse Julie Rogers they’ve royally treated my mum #NHS”.

Come along to our Trust annual general meeting

Hospital patients, relatives, stakeholders and members of the public are being invited to an event to find out about developments United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust has made over the past year and plans for the year ahead. This event will be our Trust AGM, also incorporating one of our regular members meetings.

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

Location	Date	Time
Lincoln	Friday 22 September	3pm - 5pm

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 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 session takes about an hour and can be arranged at your convenience. The next training session will take place on **Thursday 17 August 1pm—2pm at Lincoln County Hospital**.

Staff awards project group

We are looking for one enthusiastic patient representative to sit on our staff awards project group. This group meets monthly at Lincoln, with video conferencing facilities available at Pilgrim and Grantham. It is the group which plans, coordinates and arranges the annual staff awards., and as the patient rep you get to be involved in planning and longlisting the awards entries.

Organ donation committee

We are looking for a patient representative to join the Trust's 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

New roles to aid orthopaedic operations

Two new trainee orthopaedic acute care practitioners have recently started work at a Lincolnshire hospital - in a bid to bridge the national shortfall of junior doctors in the NHS.

Emma Beck and Manu Mathew have now taken up their posts at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston and are both looking forward to the new challenge.

The aim of their new role is to help with the shortage of junior doctors in the area by bridging the gap between nursing and medicine, while at the same time upskilling staff to support the hospital. The Trust currently has 139 doctor vacancies across all of its hospitals.



Emma, who has worked for ULHT for a number of years and is a nurse by trade, said: "It's a very different role to what I have done before and it's really exciting."

1,000 lives saved at Lincolnshire Heart Centre



People who suffer a heart attack or cardiac arrest in Lincolnshire have a greater chance of survival than most areas of the country, thanks to the innovative work of the Lincolnshire Heart Centre. Since it opened in 2013 a thousand lives have been saved by patients being treated at the specialist centre, based at Lincoln County Hospital, rather than other hospital sites in the county.

After spending five weeks in hospital, taxi driver Anthony McMahon knows better than most about the amazing work being carried out by the centre. The father-of-three's heart stopped beating while working out at his local gym. After being ventilated, airlifted to Lincolnshire Heart Centre, spending time in intensive care and undergoing angioplasty surgery the 60-year-old says he is lucky to be alive.

He said: "I was as close to death as you can be. It's a miracle that I am still here and that is all thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff here."

The latest statistics released by the National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR) show that the Lincolnshire Heart Centre is outperforming all of the national targets for treating heart attack patients.

Trust performance – May 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 May our performance was 76.49%.
- We have a target to have seen 92% of patients within 18 weeks of a GP referral, and during May 2017 our performance was 89.32%.

- 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 1 August at The Reservation in Sleaford.