



Your Trust News

Newsletter for the members of Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Message from the Trust's new Chief Executive **Nik Patten**

Dear Member,

I am delighted to be able to introduce this edition of Your Trust News, my first as the Trust's new Chief Executive.

I am now in my fourth week at the Trust and I must say I am already very impressed with the excellent care we are providing to our patients.

I have spent more than 20 years working in the NHS and, although my previous job was in a large teaching hospital, my roots are very firmly in district general hospitals. I am really pleased to have joined a Trust that looks after two top performing ones and also a fantastic community hospital like Stamford and our aim is to continually make all three hospitals even better for patients, staff and our local communities.



success and I would like to reiterate the importance the Trust places on having a well-informed and active membership – your views, opinions and challenges are really important to us. With this in mind I would like to invite you to comment on our proposals for the future of Stamford Hospital. It is a very exciting time and, together with Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust and the Welland Group of GPs, we are exploring a new joint management arrangement for the hospital that will help

Partnership working is, of course, key to our continued future

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If you know someone who would like to become a member they can register on 01733 343221

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to secure local services at the hospital for the local community. You will find a consultation document attached to this newsletter so you can provide your views.

Things have also been progressing quickly during the last few weeks with some of our other major initiatives. The Strategic Health Authority's approval of the Greater Peterborough Health Investment Plan (GPHIP) is a significant milestone and although there remains a lot to do to achieve approvals from the Department of Health and the Treasury, we are hopeful we will receive these by the Spring and see construction begin soon after.

We are also progressing the contracts with our commissioning primary care trust partners. We are working hard together to ensure we are ready to meet the government initiative to improve elective surgery waiting times for patients. This will mean that all patients will receive their treatment within 18 weeks of referral by December 2008. This should also allow us to make some much needed investment in some areas if we are able to treat the additional patients.

At the time of going to press, the investigation into the orthopaedic waiting

list is continuing and I am hopeful that the findings of the report will be available to share with our membership in the next issue of Your Trust News. We are confident that the results of the investigation will lead to a much improved service for all of our patients.

Finally, let me say that I feel privileged to have been asked to join the Trust and I very much look forward to working with you, as a member, in the very near future.



Nik Patten
Chief Executive

Thank you to Alan Turner by Chairman

On behalf of everyone at the Trust I would like to thank Alan Turner for his service as Interim Chief Executive. Alan has been outstanding and we feel very fortunate that we were able to draw on his considerable talents and experience.

Dr Clive Morton
Chairman

Q&A

If you would like the opportunity to ask questions of Nik Patten, the Chief Executive or any of the Trust's Directors, then please contact Kerry

Pettitt on 01733 875844 or e-mail foundation.trust@pbh-tr.nhs.uk. Your questions will be answered in the next members' newsletter.

You will probably have noticed this edition of the members' newsletter has been reduced in size. The new A5 version will save the Trust approximately £1,000 per annum in postage costs. If you have any comments on the new design or would like to start receiving the newsletter electronically please contact the members' helpline on 01733 343221.

New look newsletter

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Smoke Free update

We are now approaching the three month mark since the Trust launched its Smoke Free policy and we are delighted with the progress we have made since 1 January.

There has been a significant drop in the number of people smoking at our hospital entrances and we have received several favourable comments from patients and visitors about this improvement to our environment.

The quick take up of this policy is a credit to our staff, patients and visitors to our hospitals. The NHS is at the forefront of implementing the government's drive to ban smoking in public places from July this year, and we are confident as time passes that smoking on Trust premises will become a very rare sight indeed.



Ward 8, Edith Cavell Hospital wins Pride in Peterborough Award

In the Evening Telegraph's recent Pride in Peterborough Awards, Ward 8 based at the Edith Cavell Hospital was announced as the winner in the Health Professional category.

The award is a sign of the excellent care the team gives to patients on a daily basis and all the more pleasing as it was members of the public and former patients that nominated the team in the



first place. Well done to Sister Angie O'Sullivan and all the team on Ward 8.

Parking charges

The next phase of the Trust's Travel Options initiative is going live on 2 April.

As announced in May last year, this final phase of the original two year programme includes an increased subsidy for the Megarider bus ticket for

staff, the introduction of parking attendants at the Edith Cavell Hospital to help reduce illegal parking and a change in parking charges for staff and visitors.

The new revised parking charges for visitors are as follows:

	Present	From 1 April 2007	Change
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	£2.00	+ 50p
Up to 3 hours	£2.50	£3.00	+ 50p
Up to 4 hours	£3.50	£4.00	+ 50p
Up to 5 hours	£5.00	£5.00	n/a
Up to 6 hours	£6.00	£6.00	n/a
Over 6 hours	£10.00	£10.00	n/a

Audio CD's now available

Your Priorities Our Response

In the last members' newsletter we told you we would be addressing issues raised from the survey carried out in the August edition of 'Your Trust News', in future newsletters. In this edition we are covering the priority of the need to keep services local at Stamford Hospital. The Trust is running a formal 12 week consultation exercise that will end on 22 June 2007. Attached to this newsletter you will find a detachable document

including a feedback form. The results of the consultation feedback will be collated by an independent organisation. The results will be assessed by the Trust together with the Welland group of GPs and the Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust, and shared with the public via the local media, Hospital Trust's Public Board meetings, 'Your Trust News' and the Trust's website. We expect to be able to do this by August 2007.



Lincolnshire **NHS**
Teaching Primary Care Trust

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

WELLCOM M Welland Practice Based Commissioning
Sheepmarket Surgery Abbeyview Surgery
Little Surgery St. Mary's
Hereward Group Practice Gallely Practice
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Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust currently manages Stamford Hospital. The Hospitals Trust, Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust and the Welland Group of GPs are considering a new approach to managing Stamford Hospital and want to gain your views as part of this process.

What are we proposing?

- That Stamford Hospital is managed jointly by Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and local GPs.
- That the management of the hospital would be advised by a Board of Governors with representatives from the local community and partner organisations.
- That Stamford Hospital is focused on providing the local care and convenient treatment needed by the surrounding community.

Why are we considering this?

- This will better enable Stamford Hospital to become a genuine Community Hospital, providing traditional hospital and community services conveniently located on one healthcare campus.
- There is a changing approach to health care delivery with a focus on moving care and treatment closer to the patient. This is about providing care at the right level and place which may mean some services moving out of a traditional hospital setting.
- A failure to take action may lead to a reduction in the services available at Stamford Hospital as services and the associated income move elsewhere.
- The local area has an aging population with a need for quality care more locally delivered.
- There is an increasing number of people living with long-term conditions such as bronchitis and diabetes and the hospital would be an ideal location to develop services locally for these patients.
- There is a desire for convenient access to quality treatments.
- Stamford Hospital needs to respond to these changes if it is to continue to thrive as a centre for health care, social care and treatment for Stamford and the surrounding area.

How will this help?

We believe, with the Hospitals Trust and local GPs working more closely together and supported by the advice of local governors, Stamford Hospital will:

- Have a better understanding of the community's needs.
- Be better able to develop care services that meet those needs.
- Be more likely to continue to thrive as a centre for the local care and treatment required by the community.

What will it not do?

As is the case now, Stamford Hospital will not be able to offer services that would be clinically unsafe, such as maternity deliveries and complex or major surgery.

What happens next?

- The questionnaire overleaf forms part of a formal 12 week consultation exercise that will run until 22 June 2007.
- Public meetings will also take place on 18 April (Stamford Hospital, 2.30pm); 1 May (Stamford Hospital, 2pm) and 14 May (Stamford Hospital, 2.30pm). Please call 01733 875424 to confirm attendance.
- The results of the consultation feedback (form overleaf) will be collated by an independent organisation. The results will be assessed by the two trusts and the Welland group and shared with the public via the local media, the Hospitals Trust's public board meetings and the Hospitals Trust's website. We expect to be able to do this by August 2007.
- If the local community agrees that the proposal for changing the management of Stamford Hospital should be pursued the results of this consultation exercise will be an important consideration in any agreements entered into between Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the local GPs.

Feedback Form – What to do next

Fill in the feedback form below, tear off, place in an envelope and post to (No Stamp required):

**Stamford Hospital Consultation, FREEPOST PE1417, Peterborough PE1 1BR
by 5pm on 22 June.**

Or drop the feedback form in a sealed envelope marked Consultation, Communications Dept into the reception of any of the Trust's hospitals by the date shown above.

Or drop the feedback form in a sealed envelope marked Consultation to any GP surgery in Stamford by the date shown above.

This feedback form can also be completed on line or downloaded by visiting:

www.peterboroughandstamford.nhs.uk. For more information call 01733 875844

1 I support the proposed new partnership approach: Yes No

Any comments? (optional)

2 Do you support the idea of Stamford Hospital being advised by a Board of Governors which would include community representatives? Yes No

If yes, which groups do you think should be represented?

3 Do you support the idea of inviting other healthcare and social care organisations onto the hospital site to create a healthcare campus at Stamford Hospital? Yes No

If yes, what kind of organisations?

Personal Details (optional)

Name: _____ Tel: () _____

email: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Have you or a family member used services at Stamford Hospital before? Yes No

Are you replying on behalf of a group or organisation? Yes No

If yes, please state its name:

Would you like to be contacted to become a member of Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust? Yes No

If yes, please fill in your contact details above

Governors' pages

Feature on new governors

Following last years' Board of Governors elections, we are pleased to introduce the following new governors to you. If you would like to contact a governor or you would like someone to visit your group – please contact the members' helpline on 01733 343221.

Public Governors

Mehboots Dattoo

Meb has worked in the NHS for a number of years both within the hospital and primary care settings.



This has provided Meb with a clear insight into the workings of the health care delivery system and as a result he is keen to promote a robust, open, transparent and fair approach to dealing with local health issues.

George Dickens

George has spent 40 years working for The Salvation Army, working mainly in financial administration which included being secretary/manager of their multi-million pound pension funds which had wide ranging duties such as organising trustee meetings and monitoring investments.



As well as personal knowledge of the hospital from visiting and through family who were members of staff, George is keen to make sure that the Trust continues to grow in its abilities to deliver services and the success of the proposed new building programme.

Rubina Hussain

Rubina has wide ranging experience to bring to the Board of Governors. As well as being a local magistrate, she undertakes voluntary work as an interpreter for our patients and has contacts throughout the local community and personal experience of healthcare provision.

Rubina is keen to ensure that the problems being faced by the general public are highlighted and tackled by the Trust so that the services can be improved for all.

Peter Morrison

Peter has recently retired from 36 years in industry, 32 of which were spent in Peterborough working for Perkins. With expertise in senior financial management including strategic and business planning, risk management and audit, Peter's experience in local industry will be a useful benchmark for the Trust's own processes and procedures.



Peter is also a member of the Trust's Readers Panel and has a keen interest in helping the Trust improve our communications with the local community.

Meetings in public 2007

Board of Directors' meeting dates

Tuesday 1 May – 2:00pm

Stamford Hospital Restaurant

Tuesday 7 August – 2:00pm

Committee Room, Edith Cavell Hospital

Tuesday 6 November – 2:00pm

Committee Room, Edith Cavell Hospital

To confirm your attendance for any of the above meetings please contact 01733 343221

Board of Governors' meeting dates

Thursday 12 April – 6:00pm

St John's Boardroom,
nr Peterborough Maternity Unit

Tuesday 10 July – 6:00pm

St John's Boardroom,
nr Peterborough Maternity Unit

Wednesday 10 October – 4:00pm

Stamford Hospital Restaurant

Sandra Woodhouse

Sandra has a passionate interest in our hospitals and their need to serve the local community not only for the present, but for future generations to come. Sandra was active as a volunteer in the community as an assessor of nursing, residential and childrens homes in Lincolnshire, and is at present treasurer to Stamford Town Scouts. Sandra, a former nurse working within the hospitals for a period of nine years, has first hand experience of services as a patient.



new hospital with the aim of giving Peterborough the best possible health service.

Angela has a strong belief that the patient should be at the centre of what we do and the service we deliver with our staff being key to improving patients' experiences.

Sue Friend

Sue is the Trust's Head of Contracts, which entails working with primary care trusts to secure income which funds the treatment of patients. This work involves daily contact with clinicians and support staff throughout our hospitals.



Sue has worked for 26 years in the local Peterborough health community, 12 years of which has been in a variety of administrative and management posts in the hospital, and has a strong personal commitment to both securing high quality services for all patients and to supporting staff to achieve high standards.

Staff governors

Angela Broekhuizen

Angela was the lead nurse in our A&E department for more than three years, and for the last five years has been the project clinician for the Greater Peterborough Health Investment Plan, leading the health planning and the design of the





Meeting Feedback

Board of Governors' Update – Our Meeting on 3 January 2007

Thank you to all of the public members that attended our Board of Governors' meeting on 3 January which was held at Edith Cavell Hospital.

We covered a range of topics including:

- the improvement in audiology (hearing services) waiting times;
- the appointment of Nik Patten as Chief Executive (*see his statement within this edition*);
- the process regarding the review of hospital services in the East of England being led by the Strategic Health Authority;
- the process for appointing a new non-executive director to replace Martin Hindle following his successful appointment as Chairman of Leicestershire Hospitals;
- the potential for a local approach to the management and development of Stamford (*see the consultation document attached to this edition*);
- the development of a national forum to support governors and promote our views at a national level;
- ways in which we as governors can be more involved in understanding the issues the Trust faces;
- and a review of the overall performance of the Trust.

Our next meeting is at 6:00pm on 12 April 2007 and we will be reviewing actions that have been taken since the last meeting on these topics. We look forward to seeing you then.

