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Judging time for our photo competition



A small selection of some of the photographs submitted for this year's staff photo competition.

ONCE again staff have come up trumps with a large entry for this year's photographic competition.

This year's competition asked staff to send in pictures in three categories; pets, places and pastimes and the response was excellent.

We will shortly be judging the photos with the winning entries being placed in prominent positions around the Victoria site as in previous years.

The competition has once again been organised by the Staff Social Committee.

Derek Quinn, representing the committee, said: "The standard of entries has once again been absolutely superb and the judges really do have a tough task ahead of them."

"It is clear there are a large number of very keen photographers in the Trust and it is always great to see the winning photos displayed around the site."

Get your bids in for charitable funds

BLUE Skies Hospitals Fund has revised its application forms for charitable funds and is looking for bids to discuss at the next Charitable Funds Committee meeting on Wednesday May 14th.

The Committee will consider applications for funding for more than £10,000 from an existing

charitable fund or more than £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund. Completed applications should be returned to the Fundraising Office by May 1st. Staff should contact a member of the Fundraising Team for further information or advice on 01253 .657904. To access the forms click [here](#).

Quality

Safety

People

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Environment

Cost

Busy time for staff at Clifton Hospital



Sheila Robinson and David Rafferty help a patient make decorations.



The carers event at Clifton Hospital this week.

PATIENTS and staff at Clifton Hospital made decorations to brighten up the place for Easter. From painted eggs to hand made daffodils the day room and corridor was adorned with Easter themed craft works. The idea was not only to brighten up the day room but to help patients by giving them a distraction from the hospital environment. Many of the patients have some form of dementia or confusion so doing activities like making daffodils helped them concentrate on something. It also helped trigger memories. The hospital also staged a successful carers event to offer advice and support to people who care for their loved ones in the community. From care and repair services, dementia advice teams to the fire service there was representation from many of the organisations carers can get help from.

“We had a really good turn out throughout the day. There were lots of people to talk to and they were really excited about being there. It was a real team effort to get ready for the event with everyone from the hospital pitching in. We had porters in early setting up the room and staff helping get everything ready. Some staff came in on their day off to bring cake and make teas for people too. I have to thank all of them.”

Linda Broadbent, Ward 1, Clifton Hospital

NMC boss to visit the Trust

THE Chief Executive of the Nursing & Midwifery Council, Jackie Smith, will be hosting a roadshow in the Lecture Theatre, Education Centre, Blackpool Victoria Hospital on Thursday May 8th between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Jackie will be joined by Katerina Kolyva, Director of Continued Practice and Alison Sansome, Director of Registration. The roadshow will discuss topics such as the role of the NMC, professional practice, protecting the public, fitness to practice and revalidation. Please contact Debbie Beecher on Debbie.beecher@bfwh.nhs.uk to reserve your place.



New ICT service desk system set to launch

THE new ICT Service Desk menu system will become operational from 8am on Monday April 28th 2014, whereby callers will be presented with a choice to ensure that their call is routed to the most suitable team. The ICT Service Desk number will remain the same, internally on extension 1016 or externally 01253 951016.

Farewell to Karolina

PHYSIOTHERAPIST, Karolina Jurczak, is leaving the Community Therapy Team and Trust shortly. She is having a farewell Jacobs Join on Wednesday May 7th 2014 between 12pm-1.30pm at Rylands House Lancaster.

RCN drop-in sessions

RCN representative, Maggy Heaton, is to hold informal drop-in sessions for members every fortnight from May 19th. The sessions will be held every second Monday from then and take place in the union's office between 2-4.30pm. For details contact Maggy on 01253 655198.

Learning Disabilities training

THE next available Learning Disabilities training sessions are:

- May 14th: 1 – 4pm, HPEC 3
- July 17th: 1 – 4pm, HPEC 1

Please book a place through the OLM management system.

Patient Revolution

THE next Patient Experience Revolution training courses are on Tuesday April 29th at South Shore Primary Care Centre (9am -5pm) and on May 6th in the Education Centre, Blackpool Victoria (9am to 5pm). There are further sessions on May 1st, May 8th, May 15th and May 22. To book call 01253 306615.

E-Rostering support day

THE next e-rostering drop-in support day is taking place on Tuesday April 29th between 9.30am and 4pm in the Lifelong Learning Suite at Blackpool Victoria. Everyone is welcome.

sportandphysicalactivity.nhs.uk



The NHS in the North West goes Brazilian!

5-a-side Football Tournament and Family Fun Day

Sunday June 8th 2014 | Soccerdome, Trafford | £35.00 per team

All abilities, mixed and single sex teams welcome, to apply contact

Steve@mshpartnership.org



NHS

Health Education North West

Public Health Minister praises staff

THE Trust played host to a visit by Jane Ellison MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibility for public health. She met with a number of Trust staff with public health portfolios including members of staff dealing with issues such as sexual health, smoking cessation, mental health, healthy eating, alcohol and physical activity. The MP thanked everyone for attending and said she was extremely impressed by the work that was being undertaken to make a difference to public health in Blackpool.



Staff at the meeting with Public Health Minister, Jane Ellison MP, last week.

"The meeting was extremely valuable as it gave me a chance to meet and get the views of people who are working in the field of public health on a daily basis. Only by doing this can I get the full scale of the challenges facing us and I was delighted to hear everyone's comments. I was particularly impressed with the work the hospital is doing in secondary care as this is something that is really unique and obviously making a major difference."

Jane Ellison MP

Golfers invited to take part in NHS tournament

KEEN golfers from the Trust are being invited to take part in this year's NHS North West Golf Tournament at Formby Hall Golf Club. The tournament, which is only open to NHS staff, takes place on Thursday September 11th. The event is looking for teams of four golfers and the best two scores will count on each hole. The cost per team is £240 which includes refreshments on arrival and a set two course evening meal. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. To register your interest, or for more information, please email steve@mshpartnership.org.

Health Mentors reach new milestone

MEMBERS of the Trust's British Heart Foundation health Mentors project have reached a new milestone. The volunteers, who give health information to patients and carers in the hospital, spoke to more than 2,000 people in March, a new landmark for the dedicated bunch of volunteers. Their work was presented to the Public Health Minister, Jane Ellison MP, last week and she was extremely impressed with the idea which she described as "unique".



Some members of the Trust's successful Health Mentors project.

Talksafe training

THE Trust is holding a number of Talksafe training sessions over the next few months with all staff members invited to attend. The dates are:

- April 30th
- May 7th, 14th and 21st
- June 6th, 13th and 20th

They are all half day sessions from 9am – 1:30pm and held in the Simulation & Skills Centre. To book a place email

Julie.rushworth@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk.

Retirement advice sessions

ARE you intending to retire within the next two years? If so then you book a place on one of our specialist seminars. These are informal sessions with plenty of opportunities to ask questions. We offer up to date financial information on:

- NHS and State pensions
- Tax
- Savings and investment options
- Wills
- Inheritance Tax
- Financial advisors

The next available dates are: May 7th, August 11th and November 14th.

Sessions take place between 1.30pm and 4.30pm in the Education Centre, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool. To book a place please contact OLM on ext 5392 or email OLM@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk.



Sunday 11th May, 11am
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For more information please call 01253 359362
Be part of Blackpool's biggest fun run for all abilities

The Gazette

BEAVERBROOKS

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New defibrillators boost

BLACKPOOL Victoria Hospital has become one of the first in the North West to install public access defibrillators. The hospital's resuscitation department has purchased two of the potentially life saving devices which have been placed in prominent places on the site, the new entrance area and the main corridor. The department worked in conjunction with several areas of the Trust to get the defibrillators in place.



Anthony Freestone and one of the new defibrillators.

“We have had cardiac arrests among our patients, visitors and even staff and every second is vital. We do have a dedicated emergency response team who will respond anywhere in the hospital and immediate grounds within a few minutes but anything that helps us improve response times even more is invaluable. I would like to thank staff from the estates department, security, portering services and the sewing room.”

Tony Freestone, Head of Resuscitation

Appraisal training invitation

IF you are a manager or a supervisor who appraises staff and are new to conducting appraisals there is a training session to help you on Thursday May 8th at Blackpool Stadium. The sessions takes place between 1.30 and 4.30pm. To book a place please email olm@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk.

Sage & Thyme workshop places available

PLACES are now available on the valuable Sage & Thyme foundation level workshops. The next sessions are in the Education Centre at the Vic site on Wednesday June 18th between 9.30am and 12.30pm and 1.30-4-30pm. To book email olm@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk.

Diabetes Foot Care Pathway Launch Events to Community and District Nursing Teams

Thursday, 8 May 2014
Lytham Primary Care Centre (places will be limited)
am: 09:30 - 12:00
pm: 13:00 - 15:30

Thursday, 5 June 2014
Education Centre, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
am: 09:30 - 12:00
pm: 13:00 - 15:30

The events will provide community nurses and healthcare professionals caring for people with diabetes with information around diabetic foot screening and the management of the diabetic foot.

There will be two 45 minute presentations on Diabetic Foot Risk Categories and Signs and Symptoms of Diabetic Foot Neuropathy. In addition, we will launch the new **Fylde Coast Integrated Care** Diabetic Foot Referral Pathway and patient information leaflets to community based healthcare professionals.

Refreshments will be provided

Places can be reserved by emailing Marion Bennie on: marion.bennie@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk
please include your name, job title, team and place of work.

These events are sponsored by Novo Nordisk, Lilly Diabetes and Sanofi Diabetes.



BRIGHT IDEAS

Dyslexic action group

STAFF are advised that a Dyslexic Action Group for Adults meets up on the last Saturday of every month between 12 noon and 1pm at Palatine Library, 207 St Annes Road, Blackpool FY4 2AP. For further information please contact Alisa on 07955714234 or email alisaanderson@hotmail.co.uk

Safeguarding advice

THE next training date for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults & MCA/DOLS are:

- May 23rd 2014 Education Centre, Lecture Theatre, 9am-4.30pm.

To book email olm@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk
or telephone 01253 655392.

Public health training sessions

THE Trust's Public Health team is offering free half day brief intervention training sessions on tobacco and alcohol. The next tobacco session is on May 15th between 9am and 12noon. There are two sessions on alcohol use on May 7th (9am -12noon) and June 2nd (1-4pm). To book a place contact the team on 01253 306480.

If you have a good idea please let us know at



The 5th Annual
Jane Clough
MEMORIAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Will be played on

FRIDAY 25th July 2014
at
Stanley Park Golf Club

Entry fee

£25

1st TEE @10am

(Entry fee to be paid in full by Monday, 14th July 2014
this includes course fee and donation)

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



For further information and registration contact:-

Dave Walker bleep 077
(10pm - 6am) inc weekends
or
Mary Bird on
07909 528 074 or bleep 818

"Be part of a memorable day"

Hint of Pink

Dinner & Dance

Saturday 24th May 2014

at The Hilton Hotel Blackpool

In aid of the Breast Care Centre, Blackpool Victoria Hospital

£35 per ticket *which includes:*

- Drinks Reception
- Four Course Dinner
- Raffle Balloon
- Auction
- Live Band
- Disco

Drinks Reception 7:00pm

Dinner 7:30pm

Carriages 1:30am

Smart Dress Code (dress to impress)

Tickets on sale from mid January until mid April

Contact Angela Smith on

0751 651 7383 or 0791 625 4076

email: hintofpink@live.co.uk



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MANAGING AND UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

3 DAY STUDY COURSES



Facilitators: Megan Murray Bereavement Support Nurse
And Michelle Boland Bereavement Support Nurse

The Family Division
Telephone - 01253 306877

Day 1 THU 1st May 2014 at 9.30am HPEC

Day 2 THU 5th June 2014 at 9.30am HPEC

Day 3 MON 23rd June 2014 at 9.30am HPEC

ALL BOOKINGS ARE TAKEN BY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Email: olm@bfwh.nhs.uk Booking hotline: 01253 655392

Public Health Training

FREE half day sessions

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

'Healthy Weight': Identification and brief advice training for people who require non-specific dietary advice

Delivered by the Hospital Public Health Team

Training includes:

- ✓ Obesity prevalence
- ✓ The impact of obesity on the Trust and the NHS
- ✓ Risk factors of being overweight or obese
- ✓ Identifying patients who require additional support using body mass index(BMI)
- ✓ Current healthy eating guidelines and interventions
- ✓ Referring to the community weight management services in Blackpool

Dates for Healthy Weight IBA Training

2nd May 2014 (10am-1pm)
Room 6, Education Centre, BVH

12th May 2014 (1:30pm – 4:30pm)
Room 6, Education Centre, BVH

12th June 2014 (10am-13:00)
Stimulation and Skills Room 2, BVH

Please indicate which session you would prefer by placing a in the appropriate box and complete the form below:

Name: _____

Job title: _____

Dept/Ward: _____

Line Manager: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Please return completed forms to:

Health Education Practitioner
Public Health Team

Berry Offices, Blackpool Victoria Hospital, FY3 8NR, 01253 306480

Alternatively email details to publichealthtraining@bfwh.nhs.uk

Ward based training sessions are also available day or evening – email to book

Need help making sense of those scary statistics used in research papers?

Come and explore Understanding Statistics in Papers

Thursday 1st May, 9am-12 noon

Lecture Hall
Education Centre 1
Royal Preston Hospital

**Open to all staff from
each partner trust**

Three papers will be discussed:

1. Randomised Controlled Trials
2. Logistic regression analysis/diagnostic testing
3. Survival Analysis

Tutors available to answer questions from 1pm

**To register your interest in attending this training session,
please contact research.innovation@lthtr.nhs.uk to complete a
registration form by Monday 31st March**

**Please note that places will be limited and you will receive
confirmation that you have a place by Monday 7th April.**

SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING



*Raising awareness
and understanding
around Spiritual Care*



9:30 - 3:30

FRIDAY 20th JUNE 2014

Venue: Trinity Hospice Learning & Research Centre

PLEASE BOOK VIA EMAIL: joanne.nicholls@trinityhospice.co.uk

*(Lunch and refreshments are provided by the Hospice,
please consider a donation on the day towards these costs)*

**This course is facilitated by the Chaplaincy Department
For any more information call: 01253 (30)6299**



SPECIAL GRAND ROUND

12.30pm Wednesday 30th April 2014

(Lunch from 12 noon)

Putting Pathways into Practice...

The Re-launch of the

Acute Kidney Injury Pathway

Acute Kidney Injury is one of the conditions that impacts most on our mortality and morbidity.



Acute kidney injury is seen in 13-18% of all people admitted to hospital.

Presenters:

Gary Doherty, Chief Executive

Nigel Randall, Divisional Director, Unscheduled Care

Tracy Burrell, Associate Director of Nursing (Quality & Safety)



The session will also provide an update on the other Better Care Now pathways

