

# Health Matters

Keeping you informed about the news and views of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals

## Judges name their shortlist



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## Welcome from the Interim Chief Executive

**HELLO and welcome to your Health Matters newsletter.**



This week we have been delighted to welcome Lord Carter to Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

The Carter Review, published last year, suggests improvements which can be made by the NHS.

Our Trust and Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust established the Lancashire Procurement Cluster which is aligned with Lord Carter's recommendations for procurement services.

This week also saw us hold the judging for this year's Celebrating Success Awards.

With more than 500 nominations, our judges had a difficult task selecting the shortlist.

Not only was 2017 another record-breaking year, but the panel members were impressed with the outstanding quality of entries which made selecting a top three in each category exceedingly difficult.

It just goes to show the excellent work staff do around the Trust.

**Wendy Swift,  
Chief Executive**

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# Others can learn from work done within the Trust



Wendy Swift, Lord Carter and Ian Johnson

LORD Carter, author of the Carter Review into NHS productivity, visited Blackpool Teaching Hospitals and said the rest of the country could learn from the innovation happening at the Trust.

During his visit to Blackpool Victoria Hospital on July 18, Lord Carter heard about innovative working practices within the Trust's procurement department from Head of Procurement, Rajan Sethi and visited the Lancashire Cardiac Centre to learn about the ground-breaking, nationally recognised pathways for elective cardiac surgery and patient care.

In June 2014, Lord Carter was asked by the Secretary of State for Health to look at what could be done to improve efficiency in hospitals in England.

The Carter Review, published last year, suggested improvements which could be made by the NHS to ensure the provision of high quality clinical care and good resource management go

hand-in-hand. The visit was arranged by the Lancashire Procurement Cluster which represents Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust which have been working together to create a collaborative procurement service.

After hearing about how his review was being put into practice within procurement, Lord Carter told Blackpool staff: "Not everyone is as good as you, but it is beginning to happen and innovative savings are being made. These are not easy times, but you have held up well and have used innovative ways of working to make savings.

"I have found the work being done at Blackpool very impressive and the rest of the country can learn from the things that are going on here."

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Lord Carter, centre, with members of the Lancashire Procurement Cluster outside the Camerados Tepee at Blackpool Victoria Hospital

Lord Carter with Rajan Sethi

Lord Carter with Dr Helen Saunders; Medical Director, Mark O'Donnell and Deputy Director of Scheduled Care, Ann Conley

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Chairman of the Trust, Ian Johnson, said Lord Carter's visit had been extremely positive.

"We are very proud of the work going on here at Blackpool and honoured to be part of the wider Lancashire Procurement Cluster which is helping us all to deliver the Carter Review recommendations," the Chairman added.

The three trusts have created a shared procurement cluster service which allows them to work more efficiently and more productively.

Mike Doyle, Deputy Director of the Lancashire Procurement Cluster, said: "A collaborative

approach to procurement is one of the key recommendations from the Carter Review and we have made this a reality.

Dr Helen Saunders, Divisional Director of Scheduled Care for Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, said: "Lord Carter was very impressed with the work being done locally by our Heart Failure Team and was pleased to hear how new technology is improving outcomes for patients.

"He said he was keen to make a return visit to learn more about the innovative work being done by our cardiac team."

# Tough task for Trust award judges



WITH more than 500 nominations our judges had a difficult task selecting their shortlist for this year's Trust recognition awards, Celebrating Success.

The panel members were impressed with the outstanding quality of entries which made selecting a top three in each category exceedingly difficult.

The Patients' Award attracted the largest number of entries with 200 nominations received from our patients.

"This is a record-breaking number and we are delighted so many people who have received treatment from us have taken the time to commend both clinical and non-clinical staff. Competition was particularly tough in this section and four shortlisted candidates have been announced," said Trust Chairman, Ian Johnson.

"Due to the high standard of nominations, the decisions were incredibly tight with a number of nominations deserving recognition," he added. "It was inspiring to read the stories of staff who had gone the extra mile or transformed services for the benefit of all our patients."

This year's Panel consisted of: Chairman, Ian Johnson; Chief Executive, Wendy Swift; Public Governor, Sue Crouch; Director of Nursing and Quality, Marie Thompson; Staff Side representative, Barry Casey; Chairman of Radio Wave, John Barnett and his wife, Danielle.

The 2017 shortlist, in alphabetical order, is:

#### **Clinical Team of the Year**

Acute Response  
AMU  
Haematology



#### **Non-Clinical Team of the Year**

Communications  
IT and Informatics  
Voluntary Services

#### **Unsung Hero**

Linda Broadbent  
Christine Heginbotham  
Dr Alan (Ned) Rowlands

#### **Innovation and Service Improvement**

Clifton Outreach  
Simon Hayward  
Nurse-led IV Service

#### **Volunteer of the Year**

Jean and Denys Barber  
Jim Hatfield  
Jane Roberts

#### **Employee of the Year**

Jacob Castle  
Sarah Darville  
Louise Thompson

#### **Patients' Award**

Shelia Dryden and Joanne Tomlinson  
Neonatal team  
Ward 16  
Dr Joseph Zacharias and his cardiac team.

# Keeping our children safe in the sunshine

CLIFTON Hospital's Skin Cancer Care Coordinator, Michelle Forsyth, is getting more and more schools and nurseries on board with her important message - protect your skin and be 'Sun Safe'.

For the last 12 months, Michelle, funded by Macmillan Cancer Support, has been visiting schools, nurseries and outside workplaces to present a skin cancer awareness talk and help teams get accredited as being 'Sun Safe', a scheme which is run by the Skcin – the Karen Clifford Skin Cancer Charity.

Michelle is an ambassador for Skcin, which raises awareness through education, promoting prevention and early detection of skin cancer. So far on the Fylde coast, there are five accredited organisations that work with children, with more currently working through the necessary qualifications.

The five have been awarded with a special sun cream board which enables people to be able to apply accredited sun cream as required while they are outside. These special boards were part funded by a fundraising day that Michelle organised in May.

She will be presenting the boards to the new accredited organisations at a second fundraiser that was held last week in Thornton.



Clifton-based Skin Care Coordinator, Michelle Forsyth

Michelle said: "This scheme is completely free to any relevant business or organisation.

"I can come to assemblies, sports days or other events where I can spread the word and raise awareness. I even have a special mascot called George that can come with me. I would urge any school, nursery, afterschool club, etc, to consider getting involved in this free scheme. Many schools can't reapply sun cream to children and in hot weather this can lead to dangerous sunburn.

"By getting accredited and getting a special board, teachers and carers only need to prompt the children to apply the cream themselves from the dispenser. It really is an enormous help in the war against skin damage that can lead to skin cancer."

For further information contact Michelle via email on: [michelle.forsyth@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk](mailto:michelle.forsyth@bfwhospitals.nhs.uk)

# Helping patients with dementia through art

A PERFORMANCE team which aims to increase awareness of dementia, has been working at Clifton Hospital.

The Dare to Be Great project, put together by Fable Arts with the help of Ludus Dance, aims to foster greater awareness and understanding of what's it's like to live with dementia through a piece of physical theatre.

The piece will be performed by 12 local young people, at this year's Lytham Festival in August.

Ludus Dance's Creative Programme manager, Vicky Frayard, ran the chair-based movement sessions with patients from different Clifton wards.

The sessions encourage patients to follow dance moves and include wearing cowboy hats and shaking pom-poms to add extra fun.

This is followed by tea and cake in which the project's staff and young people sit and chat to patients and record their memories of days gone



Vicky leads the chair based movement session

by. These memories will then be used to create the physical theatre performance.

Clinical Matron, Courtney Bickerdike said: "It's a brilliant opportunity to participate in this community project."

Vicky Frayard said: "It is lovely to be working here. Everyone is so welcoming and generous with their time. The patients were singing and joining in, even if they weren't moving."

Ward 1 patient, Evelyn Etherington, said: "This session makes a nice change. It's cheerful and bucks you up. It's nice to sit together and be away from the ward."

One of the young people taking part in the project, Ella Grace Gregoire, said: "The session has been really good."

The performance will be part of Lytham Festival taking place from Tuesday, August 1 to Sunday, August 6. For more details go to [www.lythamfestival.com](http://www.lythamfestival.com)



Clifton patients Rhona Nelson, Melvin Douglas, and Evelyn Etherington with Assistant Practitioner Dawn Johnson

# Marketplace event focuses on maternity

TEAMS and individuals from the Trust's Families Division took part in a special 'marketplace' event to promote their work to the public and other members of staff.

The well attended 'Maternity Marketplace' in the Women and Children's Unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital demonstrated the great diversity of work carried out by the Families Division.

Teams including School Nursing, Patient Experience, Speech and Language Therapy, Midwifery, Neonatal Unit, Paediatric Diabetes, Health Visiting, Perinatal Mental Health and Clinical Skills had stalls in the entrance to the unit and there were talks by division leaders on the NHS Five Year Forward View.

Nicola Parry, Head of the Families Division, praised the staff and said they were leading the way in terms of working together to achieve the NHS' strategic aims. The event was linked to national Infant Mental Health Awareness Week with the hashtag #IMHAW17.

School Nursing team members Joelle Wrigley, Dolores Taggart, Brenda Eves, Donna Walsh and Jane Basey promoted the fact that their service tackles modern slavery, female genital mutilation, 'growing up', 'healthy habits', child abuse and other major issues.

Acting Midwifery Manager, Lisa Fitzgerald, promoted the Trust's Maternity Unit with other colleagues. Lisa said the Fylde Coast Birth Centre at Blackpool Victoria Hospital has a diverse criteria for women and all women receive a personalised care plan. Lisa also promoted a device called a Cervical Ripening Balloon which helps to induce labour without the need for medication. Maia Pelgrom from the Trust's



Clinical Skills team promoted training methods including the use of child mannequins so staff can learn how to work with children.

Becci Addey from the Trust's Victoria's Voice youth forum and Paediatric Patient Experience team was also at the event. Becci and the team are working on the 'You're Welcome' pilot project with the Department of Health. In this project young people become like 'inspectors' and pinpoint ways of improving services.

Ismail Dalal and Caroline McNicholas from the Paediatric Diabetes team explained how they had created an exciting new 'transitional' service for patients moving from the paediatric service to the adult diabetes service. Patients attend a Transition Clinic for a year and move to the adult service on their 19th birthday.

Louise Rylance from the Trust's Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service said the service covers many areas including helping children to make their needs known, working with children with special needs and working in schools and nurseries.

Health Visitors Dawn Clifton, Katherine Swann and Vicky Barkworth also promoted their service at the event.