

COMMUNITY FORUM



Welcome to the Whittington Health Community Forum June Newsletter

Your support matters to us and more important than telling you our news is for us to hear from you. If you have queries, comments or suggestions – and we really would like to hear from you - please contact us via our website www.whittington.nhs.uk/communityforum

Our Chief Executive, Simon Pleydell is leaving Whittington Health

Simon Pleydell has told the Board that he will be leaving Whittington Health at the end of September this year. I have already started the process for the appointment of his successor and as far as is practical I shall be seeking to involve as many forum subscribers as possible. We expect to make an appointment in July.

In a letter to colleagues Simon said;

"After over 3 years of trying to split my life between working in London and my home and family in the north and also twenty years as a trust chief executive in the NHS, I have decided to step down from my leadership role at Whittington Health and return to my home in the north. Although this may be seen as retirement, I have a number of part time opportunities open to me in the NHS which I am looking forward to. My conviction about the importance of what we are trying to do for the communities in Islington and Haringey remains undiminished. It is now the right time for the organisation to pursue this endeavour with a leader who can see this through over the next strategic period."

We wish him well for the future.

You still have time to RSVP for our Forum meeting – 21 June

Don't forget the date of the first meeting of the Forum on

Board meetings

The next meeting of the Board takes place on Wednesday 5 July 2017 2pm - 5pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting which is taking place at the Whittington Education

Wednesday 21 June 2017 1:30pm

– 3pm at the Whittington Education Centre on the Whittington Hospital main site.

It will be hosted by the Chair of Whittington Health, Steve Hitchens, who will be joined by Siobhan Harrington, Executive Director of Strategy and Deputy Chief Executive. There will be several items for discussion on the agenda, including:

- A look back at our performance in 2016-17 and a look forward to our priorities for high quality care in 2017-18
- Latest developments on our 'strategic estates partnership' – our plans to modernise our buildings and facilities
- Changes in the way healthcare is organised in north and central London
- How we can promote the work of the Forum

There will be some presentations to stimulate discussion but the main aim is to discuss, receive feedback and ensure we hear what you think about these and other things. We look forward to seeing you.

RSVP via our Eventbrite page whittingtonforum.eventbrite.com

Community Forum Art Competition

Now that half-term is over, the General Election has happened and we're into warmer weather I am reminding you again about Whittington Health Community Forum Art Competition.

We want your entries on the theme of my favourite activity. We want initially a photo e-mailed to me. The attached rules include the different age groups for

Centre in the main Whittington Hospital site.

The June meeting of the Board had a packed agenda. It covered latest performance for example in the emergency department, waiting times and superbug control. The Board also considered last year's quality performance and our service improvement strategy for the forthcoming year. In addition 60 new nurses have been recruited. Finally 40 members of staff will be doing a sponsored 10K run on 9 July 2017 to raise money for the Trust.

Learning Disability Week (19-25 June)

Whittington Health has been working hard to improve the health experiences of people who have learning disabilities and their families, both in the community and in hospital. We employ a number of specialist health professionals who work in the Haringey Learning Disabilities Partnership and have good working relationships with both Haringey and Islington Learning Disability Partnership Boards.

We will be raising awareness of the importance of supporting people with learning disabilities and the value of quality of life attributed to good practice.

On Wednesday 21 June in the Whittington hospital foyer between 9:30am - 4:30pm we have various activities for you to get involved in.

the entries. There is only one qualification and that is your e-mail will be added to the Whittington Health Community Forum list.

I am also pleased to finally announce the prizes. We are awarding 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes to the six categories as here. They are all donated by friends and supporters of the Trust to whom we are very grateful.

Prizes:

- Art Course of your choice at Hampstead Art College.
- Gift voucher donated by Cowling & Wilcox
- Two Premier League match tickets to watch Tottenham Hotspur F.C.
- Two Premier League match tickets to Arsenal F.C.
- A guided tour of the Foreign Office
- A guided tour of the Houses of Parliament
- A guided tour of Islington Fire Station
- A visit to the Islington Gazette (How they prepare the paper)
- A prize cake from Dunn's Bakery
- An iPad
- Two entrance tickets for the Royal Academy
- Tour of Dunn's Bakery (or a cake or lesson on cake decoration)

In addition we have a master-class of painting and drawing from 6 artists including well-known local professional artists Alex Green.

All short-listed entries will also receive a prize selected from Peter Usborne wide selection of books (www.usborne.com) and a certificate from the Trust. We anticipate awarding the winners on Saturday 16th September at our Open Day. The competition closes on 31st July 2017

Spread the word and encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join

We want as many people as possible to sign up and become involved. We encourage you to ask your family and friends to sign up by visiting www.whittington.nhs.uk/communityforum so they too can find out more about our plans, services, activities and events. The more people that sign up the more we will be able to receive and listen to the views of our communities. We have also agreed our Community Forum terms of reference and these can also be viewed at www.whittington.nhs.uk/communityforum

Steve Hitchins
Chair of Whittington Health

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