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North Manchester nurse wins national ‘HIV Nursing Award’

MICHELLE Croston, an HIV nurse specialist from North Manchester General Hospital, has won the national HIV Nurses’ Association (NHIVNA) / Gilead ‘HIV Nursing Award’ for 2017.

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Pictured from left to right: Shaun Watson, Chair of NHIVNA Committee; Michelle Croston, HIV nurse specialist at North Manchester General Hospital; and Cindy Elliott, medical scientist at Gilead Sciences.

Trust shortlisted for national diversity award

PENNINE Acute has been shortlisted in the National Diversity Awards 2017 in the ‘Diverse Company’ category.

The Trust was nominated earlier in the year and the judges have put Pennine forward for the final shortlist of 10.

Competing against Pennine Acute are Wirral Change, Channel 4, West Yorkshire Police, Reed Smith, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust, Gateshead College, RBS, Second Battalion the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, and NELFT NHS Foundation Trust.

The final of the awards will be held at the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool on 8 September.

Naheed Nazir, head of equality, diversity and inclusion at Pennine Acute said: “This is great news for the Trust. We are delighted that we have been shortlisted for the National Diversity Awards. This award is recognition of the hard work we are doing to support our staff and patients to feel valued and involved.”

Over 22,000 nominations and votes were received this year, paying tribute to grass root communities nationwide.
The Northern Care Alliance
- update from Chief Executive, Sir David Dalton

DEAR COLLEAGUE,

Each of our four Care Organisations for Oldham, Bury/Rochdale, North Manchester and Salford now has its leadership teams firmly in place. Our Care Organisations are responsible for delivering safe, high quality and reliable care to our local communities.

New management teams have been appointed in each Care Organisation with operational responsibilities given to divisional directors and supported by clinical directors and directorate managers. New arrangements are also being developed for our clinical support, estates, facilities and corporate departments which will operate across the Group.

These new local arrangements place the emphasis for operational management where it matters - in each hospital and locality. They strengthen senior leadership support at hospital-level, enabling better engagement with staff and clinical teams. Compared with the previous, more remote Trust HQ they are closer to the ‘shop floor’, understanding the challenges and issues staff are facing. These teams will also build strong relationships with each of our local health and social care partners.

Introducing the Northern Care Alliance

Our Care Organisations are designed to operate within a new Group arrangement which brings together Pennine Acute Trust (PAT) and Salford Royal. This NHS Group is to be known as the Northern Care Alliance. We expect to be known locally as “the Alliance”.

The Northern Care Alliance will be one of the largest NHS organisations in the country. Together, we serve a population of over 1 million people across our local communities. We bring together over 17,000 staff, manage over 2,000 hospital beds across our hospitals, and manage an operating budget of £1.3 billion. The Alliance will use this scale to deliver better patient outcomes and other benefits.

Core Purpose of the Group

Our Mission Statement that binds us all together is: “Saving lives, Improving lives”. We will deliver highly reliable care and services, at scale, which are trusted, connected and pioneering.

The Alliance provides the benefits of scale but delivers this locally through multiple sites. It has 5 key roles which are not undertaken at the Care Organisation level.

- Organises spread of best care across multiple sites and locations.
- Develops Service Strategy across the wider population of 1m;
- Agrees new/replacement buildings and equipment;
- Agrees annual operational delivery plans with each Care Organisation;
- Develops a standardised operating model on the basis of evidence of best practice;

Committees in Common

A Group is not the same as a merger of Trusts. This is because both Trusts will continue to exist and will remain as the employer of staff. Although Salford Royal has a ‘management agreement’ to manage the services of Pennine Acute, both Trust Boards have delegated their functions to a ‘Committees in Common’ which operates the new Group.

Key Priorities of the Alliance

We are developing our Service Strategy for our Group of Care Organisations, with five strategic aims:

- To develop world-class Accountable Care Organisations in each Locality;
- To adopt best clinical practice and standardise this at scale, leading to consolidation of some elements of surgical services;
- To continue the delivery of high quality specialist services for Greater Manchester and beyond, eg, neuro services, trauma centre and stroke services;
- To establish Group-wide shared clinical support services
- To build strong partnership arrangements with other providers to enable reliable, high quality services, consistent with changes across GM

What Has Already Started

We continue with our Improvement Plan for the Bury/Rochdale, Oldham and North Manchester Care Organisations to meet the requirements of the CQC. We have successfully secured a total of £56m for service improvement for this and last year.

With our local NHS Commissioners we are identifying options for high quality, sustainable service portfolios for each hospital site. We are working with our partners in the City of Manchester to develop a vibrant future for the North Manchester site.

We are designing a single ‘shared hospital service’ across Bury, Rochdale and Oldham – associated with Salford and/ or where appropriate, with other partner organisations. Following the successful Vanguard model in Salford, and integrated services in Rochdale, we are working with our local commissioners to develop new integrated health and social care services in each locality. This includes opportunities for new models of care in the community and supporting people at home.

We are also working on the digital innovation at Salford Royal - with the Global Digital Centre status and £10m funding we will spread new digital systems across all Care Organisations.

We are implementing a number of Greater Manchester service changes, such as Major Trauma at Salford and High Acuity Centres at Oldham and Salford. We are also building on the digital Vanguard model in Salford and £25m for a new clinical building at The Royal Oldham Hospital.

The Alliance will work with partners in supporting all of the strategies of the GM HSCP and the priorities of the elected Mayor for Greater Manchester.

Future of NMGH

We are working with commissioners and providers in the City of Manchester to develop a shared vision for the future of the NMGH site, ensuring that the proposed changes create the Manchester SHS and the Manchester LCO as well as support the continued provision of services for people in the North East Sector.

NMGH has a strong, positive and vibrant future. It has a vitally important role to play in continuing to provide local hospital services to a population with complex health needs. It is planned that it will be an integral part of a new single hospital service for Manchester - benefiting from new integrated services and facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of the population as well as building on existing expertise in community care, frailty, chronic disease and palliative care services, whilst also providing reliable and sustainable emergency, urgent, acute, maternity and children’s services.

Whilst the plans are being developed, we continue to invest in the site with £5m to be spent on upgrading the boiler house and other infrastructure. The new Integrated Care Unit on the site is also nearing the final period of construction. This will provide first class care for older people to support their independent living in the North Manchester community.

Summary

These are exciting times: a new name, a new sense of purpose, and new investment alongside a commitment to continue to work closely with our staff, our communities and our partners to provide high quality care to our patients. All of this, together with the spirit of teamwork which exists in all of our Care Organisations will enable us to fulfil our crucial mission of Saving Lives, Improving Lives.
THE Trust’s Medical and Dental Education Staff Awards 2017 took place in the Postgraduate Centre, North Manchester General Hospital on Monday 26 June 2017.

The awards were presented by Professor Matthew Makin, executive medical director.

Foundation Trainee of the Year
Winner: Dr Adam Kelly, FY2 doctor
Nominees: Dr Melosa D’Souza and Laura Heap, foundation dentist

Specialty Trainee of the Year
Winner: Mr Samit Ghosh, consultant maxillofacial surgeon
Nominees: Dr Shyam Sunder, consultant radiologist and Mr Richard Graham, consultant anaesthetist
Nominees: Howard Mellor, principle consultant anaesthetist

Supervisor of the Year
Winners: Dr Suparna Dasgupta, consultant paediatrics and Dr Simon Chadwick
Nominees: Mr Richard Graham, consultant ENT and Dr Samit Ghosh, consultant maxillofacial surgeon

Educator of the Year
Winners: Dr Nico Zin, anaesthetics specialty trainee and Dr Suparna Dasgupta, consultant paediatrics

New electronic fetal heart monitors to improve safety during labour

A NEW electronic system which will monitor babies’ heart rates during their mother’s labour period has been installed at the maternity units at The Royal Oldham Hospital and North Manchester General Hospital.

Over £300k has been invested in the K2 medical system which provides a fetal monitoring system to support the management of women with high risk pregnancies during their labour, with the ability to digitally archive data.

Electronic fetal heart monitoring is carried out to keep track of the baby’s heart rate and is a good way of telling if the baby is coping well with labour or is encountering some problems which may result in an intervention being made or being delivered by caesarean section.

The monitoring can be carried out externally which involves two sensors which are held in place with elastic belts on the mother’s abdomen. One sensor uses ultrasound to check the baby’s heart rate, whilst the other sensor measures the frequency and length of the mother’s contractions.

Internal fetal monitoring involves a sensor being attached to the mother’s thigh and a thin wire (electrode) from the sensor put through her cervix into her uterus. The electrode is then attached to the baby’s scalp to monitor its heartbeat.

The new equipment purchased for The Royal Oldham Hospital and North Manchester General Hospital maternity service includes a large amount of equipment and a software package, and is part of a wider programme of improving outcomes and safety for women and children.

Previously staff used monitors at the bedside and a paper recording of the heart rate trace, however, the K2 system provides a central monitoring and archiving solution for the fetal heart during labour.

The equipment will improve patient care by having an electronic recording at the bedside, and it can also be used remotely and reviewed by other clinicians, so that advice and support can be given if required. When using the new equipment the heart rate trace is electronically archived, replacing the need for making paper based notes during labour.

Fourteen computer portals run the programme in each labour unit and this allows better surveillance of the women in labour by the multi-disciplinary team, as all their results can be viewed via a central screen in the ward office. Extensive training has been provided on the system and there is a K2 dedicated midwife on each site who is responsible for training all staff.

K2 admin midwife at North Manchester General Hospital, Wendy Knight, said: “The new system is a very exciting venture for Pennine. The midwives are looking forward to the introduction of the new technology and we think women in labour will feel reassured that their ‘precious cargo’ has the attention of multiple clinicians.”

K2 admin midwife at The Royal Oldham Hospital Priscilla Poole, said: “We are all very excited about the introduction and future development of this new system. It will help towards improving outcomes due to increased surveillance of the fetal heart rate via the central station, also enabling the multidisciplinary team to view the fetal heart rate remotely. This will provide extra reassurance for women and their families.”

Miss Caroline Rice, consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology and clinical lead for the K2 system, said: “This new fetal heart rate monitoring system will provide our families and staff with additional support during labour. The ability to view the trace on a central screen enables the obstetricians and midwives to review the recording without disturbing the one to one care that the mother is receiving. The archiving facility will help with any review of cases after delivery and is an excellent teaching and training resource. Overall it will increase the safety of the mothers and babies being born in Pennine Acute Trust and we are eager to start using the system.”

Deborah Carter, divisional director for the women and children’s division said: “Misinterpretation of the fetal heart rate trace (CTG) is a common feature in labour care throughout the world. The aim of switching to an e-CTG monitoring and archiving system is to reduce harm by making it easier for staff to interpret CTGs using an approved electronic system. This will lead to appropriate and timely intervention where necessary.”
Simulation and clinical skills suite finalists in national awards

CONGRATULATIONS to the Enhancement of Simulation Project Team and the team at Pure AV who worked on the new Dinwoodie Simulation & Clinical Skills Centre at The Royal Oldham Hospital for being shortlisted for the Best Education Project category in the Install Awards 2017.

The award ceremony, which took place in London in June, recognised excellence throughout the entire AV industry and the Best Education Project was a fiercely competitive category which attracted entries from across the UK and Europe.

Being finalists in this category highlights the high quality simulation suites that are now available within the Trust which enhance clinical training and help to equip staff with the skills to provide quality driven, responsible and compassionate care to every patient both in hospital and out in the community.

Katherine Robertson, L&OD project manager for the enhancement of simulation at the Trust said: “We are all very proud of what we have achieved in the new, state of the art Dinwoodie Simulation & Clinical Skills Centre and I am thrilled that it has been recognised in this way. My sincere thanks go to everyone who has supported this project and to Pure AV for all their support and hard work.”

Staff awards for Oldham, Bury/Rochdale and North Manchester - nominations now open!

NOMINATIONS are now open for this year's Staff Awards – to celebrate and recognise excellence across our hospital and community services at Oldham, Bury, Rochdale and North Manchester. This is your opportunity to recognise one of your colleagues, a team, department or service and get them the recognition they deserve.

Staff awards for our Oldham, Bury/Rochdale and North Manchester Care Organisations will recognise staff who have made an outstanding contribution and demonstrated care, compassion, innovation, leadership and excellence in their work. The awards are voted by staff, for staff.

This year there are 11 award categories for staff to nominate:

- Admin/Secretarial Worker of the Year
- Allied Health Professional/Technical/Scientific/ Social Worker of the Year
- Doctor of the Year
- Nurse or Midwife of the Year
- Support Worker of the Year
- Team Contribution to Outstanding Care
- Quality Improvement and Productivity Award
- Learner of the Year Award
- Award for Clinical Excellence
- Leading by Example Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award

Everyone can nominate colleagues or teams. You can nominate someone in up to two categories, however, they must be submitted in separate nominations.

The closing date for award nominations is midnight on 30 September 2017.

This year’s award winners and Care Organisation superstars will be announced and presented at a glitzy gala dinner party which will be held at the Sheridan Suite, Manchester, on the evening of Friday 17 November 2017.

Submit your award nomination online via our intranet.

Leave it, lock it!

IMPORTANT - You MUST lock the screen when you leave a PC.

There have been instances in the Trust where a member of staff (user1) has left their PC logged on and another user has accessed the PC (user 2). User 2 has then launched a clinical system and entered their login credentials which are then stored.

When the original user 1 next logs in to the clinical system, the stored wrong log-in credentials (from user 2) are displayed.

If you leave your screen unlocked when unattended, you leave your account vulnerable to:

- Inappropriate access/confidentiality breach by those unauthorised to view
- Unauthorised people amending details
- Wrong credentials being attached to YOUR login details
- Your credentials being inappropriately used.

For further information on PC security, please see the information governance policy on the Trust’s intranet.

Annual public meetings

The Annual Members/Public meeting and open events across Group will take place on:

- Salford Royal - Tuesday 3 October in the Mayo Building, Salford Royal. Open event from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Annual members’ meeting from 6.00pm to 7.30pm (supper from 5.30pm)
- Pennine Acute - Wednesday 4 October in auditorium, education centre, Fairfield General Hospital. Open event from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Annual members’ meeting from 6.00pm to 7.30pm (supper from 5.30pm)
Healthier Manchester Locality Plan update - Single Hospital Service

GOOD progress continues to be made in the work to create a new Single Hospital Service (SHS) for the City of Manchester, Trafford and the wider communities that are served by hospitals in Manchester.

The programme involves Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) coming together with North Manchester General Hospital, to create a new city-wide hospital Trust.

In the first phase, CMFT and UHSM will join together to create a new Foundation Trust in October 2017. We continue with our plans to integrate NMGH with the new organisation around 12-18 months later.

To ensure there is strong leadership to take the new organisation forwards, an Interim Board of Directors has been created, with representation from both CMFT and UHSM. The Interim Board will be responsible for the work required to help ensure a safe and smooth merger between the two Trusts. It is led by Chairman Kathy Cowell, Deputy Chairman Barry Clare and Chief Executive Sir Michael Deegan.

Earlier this year, staff and stakeholders were asked for their views about three options for the name of the new city-wide Foundation Trust. The Interim Board has considered feedback received from over 3,000 staff and stakeholders. The new name has been confirmed as: ‘Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust’.

This new name, abbreviated to ‘MFT’, will launch from 1st October 2017 when CMFT and UHSM cease to exist as independent Foundation Trusts, subject to clearance for the merger. Approval is needed from both Boards of Directors and the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) as well as a satisfactory risk rating from NHS Improvement. The Council of Governors of both UHSM and CMFT will then be asked to vote to give assurance on the processes followed by the Board in relation to the merger.

Key dates for the SHS programme:
- 13 Aug 2017 - CMA final decision expected
- End Aug 2017 - NHS Improvement assessment expected
- Mid Sept 2017 - Council of Governors to vote on process followed
- 1 Oct 2017 - New organisation comes into existence
- 12 - 18 months later - NMGH integrates and joins the new organisation

More information is available under the NM Care Organisation, SHS and LCO sections on the Trust intranet.

Manchester Local Care Organisation (LCO)

ONE of the key elements of the Healthier Manchester Locality Plan was the development of a LCO that will provide all ‘out of hospital’ health and care for the city’s residents. It will provide sustainable, high quality, safe and affordable prevention, primary, community, mental health, secondary health and social care services.

The vision is for services to be delivered seamlessly across the city through partnership between the main statutory health and social care providers, working together with strong voluntary, community and social enterprise sector investment.

The LCO will work at neighbourhood level to support good health, manage conditions and prevent ill health. It will provide targeted care to support people, particularly those who have the greatest health and care needs.

This means it will coordinate care across primary, community and secondary settings and will focus on six key population groups in the first instance:
- frail older people;
- adults with long term conditions and at the end of life;
- mental health, learning difficulties, and dementia;
- children and young people;
- people with complex lifestyles and prevention and those at greater risk of hospital admission.

It will provide:
- high standard of care closer to home;
- co-ordinated partnership working to simplify care pathways and accessibility to services; delivery of population health.

It is anticipated that a 10 year contract will be awarded in early 2018. This will be followed by a period of mobilisation prior to a go-live date of April 2018. The bidding consortium for this contract is the Manchester Provider Board. The Manchester Provider Board includes Manchester City Council, Central Manchester Foundation Trust, Pennine Acute Trust, University Hospital of South Manchester, Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Primary Care Partnership (a federation of all GP practices in Manchester), MACC (representing the voluntary community and social enterprise sector, Local Pharmacy Committee, North West Ambulance Service, dentistry and optometry.

NMGH - a bright and vibrant future

NORTH Manchester General Hospital has a strong and vibrant future. It has a vitally important role to play in continuing to provide local hospital services to a population with complex health needs and will continue to be connected firmly to its local community.

Subject to CMA approval, NMGH will be an integral part of a new single hospital service for the City of Manchester. North Manchester General will become a site benefiting from new integrated services and facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of the population as well as building on existing expertise in community care, frailty, chronic disease and palliative care services, whilst also providing reliable and sustainable emergency, urgent and critical care, paediatric and maternity services.

Our leadership for North Manchester Care Organisation are also enormously proud of our infectious diseases department and have ambitious plans to expand this service through the provision of a single service for the City of Manchester and Greater Manchester area.

North Manchester General Hospital will provide more undergraduate and postgraduate training for health and social care professionals and proposals are currently underway to develop an exciting new academic department.
Professor Rowland honoured by British Medical Association

A CONSULTANT in paediatric emergency medicine at North Manchester General Hospital has been awarded the Association Medal of the British Medical Association.

Prof Andrew Rowland was awarded the prestigious medal by Sir John Temple, President of the BMA, in recognition of his distinguished service to the BMA for over 16 years and his contribution to medicine.

Prof Andrew Rowland, said: “I am absolutely delighted and feel really honoured to have received this award from the BMA. I am really pleased that the award makes reference to both work on terms and conditions of service as well as work to improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people. I work as a member of a great team at The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Salford and we continue to undertake innovative projects with children and young people to see how professionals can make the services we offer to them more acceptable and more effective. I am looking forward to us continuing our work in the future and I would like to give sincere thanks to the BMA for this award.”

Prof Rowland’s contribution to the BMA has been extensive and includes the following roles: junior doctors’ committee as deputy chair for terms and conditions of service and negotiation; consultants’ committee as a member of the executive and for the negotiating reference group during a very difficult phase for the consultant contract negotiation; and BMA council member of the international committee as a representative to multiple European conferences and organisations.

The award and citation make reference to The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, Andrew’s honorary appointment at the University of Salford and to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

An excerpt from the award and citation reads: “In 2014 you were awarded a Fellowship with the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and undertook to investigate the impact of mandatory reporting of child abuse, the work of children’s advocacy centres and learn about strategies used to identify children at risk of child sexual exploitation and trafficking. Your detailed knowledge on the subject and your active role in the association on safeguarding vulnerable children policy has been invaluable.”

For more information and the full press release on Prof Rowland, please see the press office and media centre pages on the Trust website.

NMGH future - staff sessions

A SERIES of staff briefings and engagement sessions for staff at NMGH have been arranged for September.

These sessions will give North Manchester staff the opportunity to hear about the progress being made to create a new SHS for the City of Manchester including the planned integration of NMGH to the new city-wide NHS Trust.

These sessions will include a presentation by senior management and an opportunity for staff to ask questions to Peter Blythin, Programme Director for the Manchester SHS, an executive member of the Interim Board of Directors for MFT, and the management team of our NM Care Organisation.

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- Fri 1 Sept (2-3pm, Lecture theatre, Post Grad centre NMGH)
- Mon 11 Sept (3-4pm, Lecture theatre, Post Grad centre NMGH)
- Thurs 14 Sept (12pm – 1pm, Lecture theatre, Post Grad centre NMGH)

Quality Account Report 2016/17

QUALITY Accounts are annual reports to the public from NHS providers about the quality of services they provide. The Pennine Acute report is publicly available on the NHS Choices website and on the PAT website.

The Quality Account will be included as part of the Trust’s Annual Report and Accounts for 2016/17 which will be presented and formally adopted at the Trust’s Annual Public Meeting in October.

Diary dates

30 Aug - Oasis unit tour at Rochdale Infirmary. 2pm until 3pm. To book a place, contact Angela Greenwood on 01706 517302 or 57302.

30 Sept - Nominations for staff awards for Oldham, Bury, Rochdale and North Manchester Care Organisations close

17 Nov - Staff awards gala dinner party
Infection prevention and control - hand hygiene

THERE is an expectation from Group chief medical officer Dr Chris Brookes that all staff are fully compliant with hand hygiene practice and mandatory training. Medical hand hygiene practical assessment is part of the core mandatory training annual programme. To be assessed, this can be achieved in a number of ways:

- Mandatory training days
- There are cascade trainers in most clinical areas
- The infection prevention team are happy to train a cascade trainer who can assess colleagues in their work place. The infection prevention team are happy to visit an area and train a cascade trainer for that area
- The education team are providing drop-in sessions for hand hygiene assessment and banners
- If you are having problems accessing a trainer – please contact your site IPN team

Hand Hygiene assessment registers can be scanned and sent to Learning. OrganisationalDevelopment@pat.nhs.uk

NHS Professionals (NHSP) Bank Service - update

WE are working in partnership with NHS Professionals on a new system to recruit and manage temporary nursing and administrative staff. The NHSP in-house bank service for nursing & midwifery and healthcare assistants went live in June and NHSP Bank Service also went live for admin, clerical & support services in July. Bank staff must go through an ID verification (IDV) and registration process so that they can work on the NHSP bank. Since the new system went live, despite an overall increase in demand, fill rate continues to increase and is higher than previously. Overall bank fill (excluding agency) is increasing week on week, up by about 8%. Demand is up around 20%.

There are different restrictions in place before shifts can go out to agency to fill rotas. These are set at exactly the same rules before the new NHSP system went live but with electronic restrictions in place. Senior staff should follow procedures for shift booking, particularly for requesting ‘enhanced care’. Each Care Organisation also has their own NHSP representative ‘on site’. They are there to support both recruitment and support any day to day queries and will be actively walking around the sites. Further details are available online at http://pat.nhsp.uk/

Other articles included in Team Talk are:

- Introducing the Northern Care Alliance
- An update from Group chief executive, Sir David Dalton
- Manchester Single Hospital Service and NMGH update - staff briefing sessions
- Medicines management
- Staff awards for Oldham, Bury/Rochdale and North Manchester

For full details on the articles, see the communication team pages on the intranet.

CQC re-inspection

WE are expecting the CQC to visit us and carry out its formal re-inspection of Pennine Acute and our services any time from the beginning of next month, September. The CQC will undertake a number of unannounced and announced visits across all of our sites as part of the re-inspection process. The CQC will inspect our services under a combination of both the old and new regulatory framework. Again, this will involve groups of inspectors speaking with staff, patients and our stakeholders. This is an opportunity to demonstrate and speak positively about the improvements and progress that has been made at ward, departmental and service level since March last year.

New antibiotic policy

THE Trust’s antibiotic policy has been revised. To implement the policy, good antibiotic stewardship is required by staff and this will include:

- “Start smart and then focus”
- Use of appropriate diagnostics to confirm the diagnosis of the infection.
- Patients should have senior reviews on a daily basis and the patient’s progress assessed, along with lab and imaging results, and used to modify and de-escalate treatment to the most appropriate antibiotics.
- Patients on iv antibiotics should be de-escalated to oral agents as soon as feasible.
- Decision making and course length should all be documented.

The policy covers the most common infections. The quick summary guidelines, including the initial management of Sepsis, can be printed off. The new policy has removed Tazocin for many conditions and replacement with other combinations. The gentamicin policy has also been simplified.
A typical day
One of the most interesting aspects of the job is that there is no typical day, every day can be different. There are routine aspects to every day such as checking emails and alert systems but after that it can vary. The other aspect is the Health Protection agenda which covers aspects of screening, immunisation and health emergency planning for the local authority. This again is very varied and involves collaboration with partners such as PHE and NHSE to look at current issues which affect the health of the population.

What are the highlights of your job/service?
The highlights of the job are being a crucial interface between primary and secondary care and striving to meet the requirements of the residents of Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale. This allows us to follow the patient journey as they progress through the various streams of healthcare providers and ultimately provide a fully integrated care package. It allows us the opportunity to work collaboratively with providers.

Having a base within the acute setting offers benefits such as easier access to patient information and direct access to laboratory facilities which is essential if we are to deliver timely interventions. It also promotes the development of effective communication strands across all stakeholders and therefore enables us to standardise procedures and provide high quality care.

What is the current biggest challenge in your job/to your team?
At certain times of the year we experience periods of significantly increased activity due to outbreaks of communicable disease which can be extremely challenging particularly in the care home settings. This is a drain on our small resource and we deal with this by prioritising our workload and unfortunately this is when the team can be compromised and activities such as audits and training have to be postponed.

If there was a small increase in the resource this issue would be less significant.

What aspect of your job/service is the most rewarding?
For me the most rewarding aspect of the job is seeing the improvements in settings which have been audited and the positive feedback we receive from providers.

What would make your job/service better?
Working closely with social care and CCG colleagues, work is currently underway to improve the quality of care within the care home settings and already we are seeing significant improvements through our comprehensive audit process.

A typical day
One of the most interesting aspects of the job is that there is no typical day, every day can be different. There are routine aspects to every day such as checking emails and alert systems but after that it can vary.

The other aspect is the Health Protection agenda which covers aspects of screening, immunisation and health emergency planning for the local authority.

This again is very varied and involves collaboration with partners such as PHE and NHSE to look at current issues which affect the health of the population.

Because the job has two components to it, prioritisation is done on the basis of risk which involves considering which task is likely to have the greatest impact and where do the resources need to be diverted to.

What don’t you like about your job/service?
One of the main limitations we face is that we are only a small team and early indications are that resources are limited with respect to proactive work. We are addressing this at present through the development of link practitioner networks which can be used to cascade information, the aim of which is to foster a culture of ownership of the infection prevention control agenda by encouraging providers to develop their own audit processes with the support and guidance of the team.

What word best describes your job/service?
Innovative.
Teams at Pennine Acute shortlisted for Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards

Two teams at Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust have been shortlisted for national Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards which recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution Macmillan professionals make to cancer services.

The Macmillan living with and beyond cancer project and the specialist breast team at Pennine Acute, working in partnership with the breast team at University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) are shortlisted finalists for the service improvement excellence category, which rewards people who have developed integrated services which have greatly improved the experiences of people affected by cancer.

Each team has been through a rigorous assessment process where representatives from their team have presented to a panel of judges including Macmillan Cancer Support, charity trustees and people affected by cancer.

Four winners will be announced on the evening of 16 November at the Macmillan Professionals Awards ceremony in London and the lucky winners will receive £150 plus an award for an individual winner, and £500 and a plaque for a winning team.

Macmillan living with and beyond cancer project team

The Macmillan living with and beyond cancer project team is based at The Royal Oldham Hospital and comprises Debbie Ashforth, Macmillan transformation programme lead; Helen Wrench, quality improvement facilitator and Emily Sidebottom, user involvement co-ordinator.

Working across all sites within Pennine Acute including community services, the project team was established in August 2015 to support the Trust’s clinical cancer teams to embed the cancer ‘recovery package’. This is a combination of different interventions which when delivered together, will greatly improve the outcomes and coordination of care for people living with and beyond cancer.

The key components of the cancer recovery package include:

- Holistic needs assessment (HNA) and care planning
- Cancer treatment summary
- Cancer care review and
- Health and wellbeing events

The project team support clinicians and clinical administration within head and neck, urology, haematology, colorectal, upper gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, gynaecology and specialist palliative care tumour groups and have also engaged with the breast and lung cancer teams which are currently under the remit of Macmillan Cancer Improvement Partnership (MCIP).

Working alongside the project team is their patient and carer involvement group – Pennine Acute Macmillan patient engagement representatives (PAMPER). These are people affected by cancer and who are helping to ensure that the patient voice is at the heart of decision making.

Since the formation of the team they have used a phased approach to engage all cancer teams and key achievements include:

- Nine tumour specific pathway mapping/engagement events
- The creation of semi pre-populated end of treatment summaries for all tumour groups
- Training and education sessions for all clinical administration staff and clinical nurse specialists
- Establishing appropriate clinical slots for electronic holistic needs assessment and care planning

Debbie Ashforth, Macmillan transformation programme lead for the Macmillan Living With and Beyond Cancer project team, said: “I feel an immense sense of achievement to have been shortlisted, along with my team, for this very special award. This is within two years of the project being up and running, which is a short space of time to have achieved this huge recognition.

“Greater Manchester Cancer has recognised The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust as a leader and role model for implementation of cancer treatment summaries and we are honoured to have the opportunity to share our findings with our colleagues nationally and help other organisations in their approach to rolling out the cancer recovery package.”
Breast cancer team

THE second team from Pennine Acute Trust to be nominated is the breast cancer service.

Led by Clare Brearley, Macmillan breast advanced nurse practitioner/lead nurse, the team comprises Amanda Snippe, Macmillan breast clinical nurse specialist/MCIP project lead; Tracy Knuckey, Macmillan breast cancer after care coordinator; Mr Absar, MCIP lead breast clinical lead/oncoplastic breast surgeon; Imelda Hughes, Macmillan breast advanced nurse practitioner; Gillian Donnelly, Macmillan breast clinical nurse specialist and Susan Bennici, prosthetic advisor.

Together with a team from the University of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust which includes Nicola Stubbs, Macmillan breast clinical nurse specialist/MCIP project lead; Fiona O’Regan, Macmillan breast nurse lead and Mr Johnson, breast clinical lead/oncoplastic breast surgeon, they implemented a Macmillan Cancer Improvement Partnership (MCIP) pilot study to support self-management for breast cancer patients with a Manchester postcode.

As part of the new model, patients will continue to have annual surveillance mammograms, but they will no longer be brought back to the Trust for clinic appointments every year. Instead suitable patients are moved to a supported self-management pathway where intervention from health professionals is tailored according to the individual patient’s need.

Amanda Snipe, Macmillan breast clinical nurse specialist at Pennine Acute Trust, said: “Penneine Acute joined with Macmillan and the University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) to develop a new model of monitoring and aftercare to improve the pathway of care for primary breast cancer patients. The collaboration between these three partners has involved designing protocols and pathways so that it is perceived breast patients in the future will be assessed with a view to supported self-management.”

Penneine Acute Trust was the first Trust in the North West to implement the model last October, with UHSM following in November 2016. At Pennine all breast cancer patients are now given a treatment summary appointment approximately four months after the completion of their initial treatment which aims to address any unmet needs. This is a 45 minute appointment with a Macmillan breast clinical nurse specialist. At the appointment an electronic holistic needs assessment (e-HNA) is completed which is used to identify any areas the patient may be struggling with and a care and action plan is then developed. The patient’s diagnosis, histology and treatment is explained to them, the patient’s diagnosis, histology and treatment is explained to them, the patient’s diagnosis, histology and treatment is explained to them, the patient’s diagnosis, histology and treatment is explained to them.

Patients are then invited to attend a health and wellbeing event at the breast unit at The Royal Oldham Hospital in place of follow-up appointments.

Clare Brearley, Macmillan breast advanced nurse practitioner/lead nurse, said: “Being shortlisted for this nomination has meant the world to us as a team. Patient feedback via questionnaires has been 100% positive and the nomination has been a recognition of the hard work and dedication of all members of the breast team to develop a new service, putting patient care at the forefront of what we do. The nomination is an amazing boost to our team and I am very proud of each and every one of them.”
Focus on Friends and Family Test

EACH month we are going to be focusing on the Friends and Family Test to highlight areas of success across the Care Organisations. The patient experience team will be continuing ward walk rounds to raise staff awareness and understanding.

New friends and family survey cards launched

A NEW friends and family inclusivity survey card has been launched by the patient experience team.

The cards can be used instead of the traditional FFT cards which are available and used in most ward areas.

The new card uses traffic light emoji faces and asks the patient to rate their recent experience of our services. They are issued to patients prior to their discharge from the ward or department.

The cards are inclusive and simplified and can be used for a wide range of different patients to support their inclusion in the Friends and Family Test. They can be used for patients with learning difficulties, cognitive impairment and for those patients who may have difficulty in reading English.

Joanne McAllister, volunteer service manager and patient experience team, said: “The new FFT cards promote inclusively and allow all of our patients to feed back about their care and the experience that they have received. Patient feedback is important, it allows us to improve our services and make changes to our practice.”

If wards or departments are interested in using the new FFT cards please contact the patient experience team on the FFT helpline 0161 604 5302 (45302) or email FFT.helpline@pat.nhs.uk

Joanne is pictured with Nicky Goulding, patient information coordinator, and the new emoji cards. Examples of cards used on the children’s unit are shown top left.

New boxes to take families through their baby’s journey

MUMS and babies admitted onto the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at The Royal Oldham Hospital now have a specially designed admissions box to help them throughout their stay on the unit.

The boxes which were launched on 2 August have been funded by donations from past families and also the SPOONS charity which was founded by a small group of parents who have experienced neonatal care at both The Royal Oldham and North Manchester hospitals. SPOONS offers parent peer support and raise awareness of neonatal care and fundraising to improve family services and facilities.

The boxes are intended to make parents feel welcomed on the unit as they contain lots of information about the neonatal unit, the services provided at the hospital and the healthcare professionals that parents will meet throughout their baby’s journey from hospital to home.

Lynn Bowe, neonatal matron on NICU, said: “Our staff on NICU worked with members of the SPOONS charity and parents to devise what should go into the boxes. This was part of the family engagement experience which we practice on the unit as it is of utmost importance to us what parents and their families think about their stay on the unit.”

SPOONS provided many of the items which are contained within the boxes. They include: a water bottle to encourage mums to drink plenty of water; a diary and pen to record every step of their baby’s journey; milestone cards and at the request of some of the dads, a stress ball!

Lynn added: “We have also included hand cream in the boxes at the parents’ request and crocheted octopi which are used to comfort premature babies. Research has shown that their soft tentacles remind the babies of their umbilical cords and being inside their mother’s womb, which helps to make them feel safe.”

Kirsten Mitchell from SPOONS, said: “We were delighted to work with the NICU on this. Our parents have played a big part in the development of the contents of the boxes and we look forward to hearing what parents on the unit think of them.”

Coral a new mum on the unit was given an admissions box for herself and baby George. She said: “The boxes are a fantastic idea. You can tell that a lot of thought has gone in to them.”
**Staff engagement update**

**Rewarding long serving staff**

THE long service awards have taken place across all four sites during June and July. These awards are given to staff who have given 25 years of service to the Trust. All the Care Organisation executives would like to say A BIG THANK YOU to all staff who attended and to staff on all sites for their continuing hard work.

**Good luck cohort 4**

THE highly successful staff engagement pioneer teams’ programme launched its fourth cohort in July with 12 teams from across the Trust. They started their six month journey with a two day programme and are already doing some brilliant work in their teams, using the tools of engagement toolkit which were discussed at length during the introduction to the programme.

More information about the programme and how to get your team involved in future cohorts can be found on the staff engagement pages of the Intranet.

**Support faculty day**

IN July the staff engagement team ran a study day for staff who are motivated in supporting the pioneers during their 26 week journey and into the future. These members of staff are from all areas of the Trust and will be another excellent form of support for the pioneers during their journeys.

**HMR community 1000 voices**

COMMUNITY nurses from Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale gathered in July to attend their 1000 voices event. Held in the function room at The Beach, Hollingworth lake, the manager of the premises kindly gave the room to the nurses for free in support of all the hard work done by all staff. The back drop through the windows of Hollingworth lake made for a very successful session with staff’s ideas and views being shared with the new leadership team from Rochdale and Bury.

**SWAN bereavement centres open at Bury and Rochdale**

TWO brand new Bereavement Centres have opened at Fairfield General Hospital and at Rochdale Infirmary.

The two new centres are located at:

- Fairfield – Swan Suite Bereavement Centre, Entrance 3 (opposite the General Office).
- Rochdale - Swan Suite Bereavement Centre, main entrance.

A launch event was held at the Fairfield Bereavement Centre which was attended by Joanne Kearsley, senior coroner; Fiona Murphy, associate director of nursing for end of life, bereavement, organ and tissue donation at Pennine Acute; Steve Taylor, chief officer and managing director for Bury and Rochdale Care Organisation; Amanda Taylor, Trust bereavement service/general office manager; and Alice Davies, assistant director of nursing for palliative, end of life and bereavement at the Trust.

The investment in dedicated new Bereavement Centres came after the Trust adopted the national SWAN end of life care model, which is present in 47 other Trusts up and down the country, and which was set up by Fiona Murphy.

Fiona Murphy MBE, associate director of nursing at the Trust said: “I am really excited and proud to open these two new Bereavement Centres for the people of Bury and Rochdale, and I am pleased to say that we now have a Bereavement Centre located at each of Pennine’s four hospitals. A great many staff across the Trust, from porters, to nurses, to managers, have all gone above and beyond the call of duty to make sure this vitally important service could get up and running as soon as possible. I know that the centres will have a huge impact on the service and support given to those that have lost loved ones at our hospitals.”

The Bereavement Centres are staffed by fully trained bereavement specialist nurses.
80s disco raises funds for North Manchester’s children’s ward

A FAMILY from Blackley have once again brought joy to young patients by donating toys and crafts to the children’s ward at North Manchester General Hospital. In 2013 Abbi Holland’s life changed forever when she was admitted to hospital. Since then her family have shown their appreciation for the care given to her by organising numerous fundraising events.

The family’s latest event to support the children’s ward at North Manchester General Hospital took place in April. The 80s disco charity night was held at Lightbowne Social Club. Mum, Caroline and dad, David said, “It was another successful charity night to put smiles on the children’s faces whilst in hospital.”

The fun filled family event raised enough funds to stock the children’s ward with toys and crafts to entertain young patients of all ages. Abbi visited the ward with her mum and dad to deliver the huge donation, adding: “I just want the children in hospital to be happy whilst playing with the toys.”

The Trust’s charitable fundraising co-ordinator, Shelley Owen said: “I appreciate the time and effort that goes into organising events such as this and I am pleased their 80s disco was such a success. Over recent years Caroline and David have gone above and beyond to give something back to the children’s ward that cared for Abbi. Their continued support has meant many young patients have been able to play and get creative whilst on the ward, making their stay in hospital less daunting.”

New equipment offers latest techniques to breast patients

THANKS to donations and fundraising to the Link4Pink charitable fund, the breast unit at The Royal Oldham Hospital has received new equipment which has transformed the way patients are treated.

A new Encor Enspire vacuum has been purchased for the unit and presented to members of the breast cancer clinical team. The equipment is an assisted biopsy device which is designed to perform minimally invasive large volume tissue sampling or excision of some breast lesions under local anaesthesia, without the need for the patient having to undergo a surgical procedure under general anaesthetic.

The procedure is performed under imaging guidance meaning that sampling is done in real time, thus ensuring accurate targeting of the area under investigation.

Consultant radiographer and breast imaging service manager, Alison Darlington said: “We at the breast unit at PAHT are very grateful to the Link4Pink charity for purchasing this equipment for us and allowing us to give our patients access to the latest techniques in breast imaging.”

Link4Pink was set up in 2008 to raise much needed funds for the Victoria Breast Unit at the hospital and over the years has received generous support with many members of the local community who organise fun fundraising events for the cause. Donations continue to make a vital difference in enhancing the care and facilities provided for breast patients. If you would like to support the work of Link4Pink by making a donation, please visit www.pat.nhs.uk or contact the Trust’s Charity Office at charity@pat.nhs.uk or 0161 908 4497.

NHS Retirement Fellowship members get knitting needles out for babies at North Manchester

THE neonatal unit at North Manchester General Hospital were delighted to receive a visit from members of the NHS Retirement Fellowship North Manchester branch recently when they delivered a large donation of hand knitted baby items.

Items including colourful blankets, hats and tiny cardigans were handed over to matron Louise Boswell before the members of the Retirement Fellowship took a tour of the unit.

Shelley Owen, charitable fundraising co-ordinator said: “We are so grateful for this kind donation from the members of the North Manchester Branch. These beautifully made items will make such a difference, bringing comfort to the babies and their families being cared for on the neonatal unit. It was a pleasure to welcome some of the members to the hospital and hear all about the fellowship. On behalf of the Trust, may I once again thank the members for considering the unit in this special way.”

The definition of Fellowship by the Oxford English Dictionary is a ‘friendly association especially with those with shared interests’. The NHS Retirement Fellowship is therefore open to retired healthcare workers from all disciplines. The North Manchester Branch has been going for 36 years and meets at Crumpsall Green Methodist Church every third Tuesday in the month (apart from August) from 1.30 – 4.00 pm, where members are treated to a varied programme of talks.

New members are made very welcome and anyone wishing to come along should contact the branch secretary, Hylde Whitehead on 0161 682 0014 for an informal chat and more information.

Photographed are members of the fellowship Eulon Graham, Pat Dunning, Val Smith, Freda March and Chris Johnson, with matron Louise Boswell, staff nurse Heather Powsney, Dr Kameth and Shelley Owen.
SEVEN leading researchers – all experts covering a range of differing specialties – are to drive research forward at Salford Royal and Pennine Acute Trusts.

They have been appointed as clinical research leads and will play key roles in increasing research activity, enhancing research performance and supporting colleagues to carry out high quality studies to benefit both the 1.3 million people in the area covered by the Trusts and the wider 3.2 million population in Greater Manchester.

At Salford Royal, Professor Phil Kalra is the principal clinical research lead, with Professor Andy King and Dr David Rog as senior clinical research leads.

Dr Jimmy Limdi and Dr Jason Raw are joint principal clinical research leads at Fairfield General Hospital and Rochdale Infirmary.

The principal clinical research leads for North Manchester General Hospital and The Royal Oldham Hospital are Dr Andy Ustianowski and Dr Georgios Antoniou respectively.

Together, the seven have many decades of experience of running high quality studies to improve patient treatment and care.

And because research is a shared directorate across Pennine Acute and Salford Royal, they will be able to share their expertise with up and coming researchers from all the Care Organisations.

Their specialties include kidney disease (Prof Kalra), neurosurgery (Prof King), vascular and endovascular surgery (Dr Antoniou), gastroenterology and inflammatory bowel disease (Dr Limdi), geriatric medicine and Parkinson’s disease (Dr Raw), neurology and multiple sclerosis (Dr Rog), and infectious diseases including HIV and viral hepatitis (Dr Ustianowski).

The Group’s chief medical director Dr Chris Brookes said: “Research is essential to the NHS and helps us to improve treatments and patient care. I am delighted to welcome these distinguished clinicians to their new roles encouraging and supporting our workforce in making a real difference to patients’ lives.

“Our combined Care Organisations provide health services to 1.3 million people in the immediate area and to many more who travel from further afield to access our specialist services. It’s important that we offer them the chance to take part in a wide range of studies and in the next year we expect to recruit around 9,000 patients to our research portfolio as well as supporting and contributing to Greater Manchester research through the new Health Innovation Manchester initiative.”

Pictured left: Dr Jason Raw and Dr Jimmy Limdi; Pictured bottom, left to right: Professor Phil Kalra, Professor Andy King, Dr David Rog, Dr Andy Ustianowski, Dr Georgios Antoniou.

Luke gets in tune with Northern Air radio station

LUKE Idowu, a year 11 media student at UTC@MediaCityUK was privileged to be invited to spend some time at Northern Air radio station at North Manchester General Hospital.

He was impressed with how the station keeps patients up to date with local community info and how it works with local colleges and students.

Luke has written a report (below) detailing his experience at Northern Air.

“Opened in 1960, Northern Air hospital radio has been a volunteer radio station relying completely on charity donations to keep hospital patients’ spirits up and entertaining patients across the wards of North Manchester General Hospital and Salford Royal.

“With 24 hour broadcasts, patients of varying ages have listened to the stylings of Frank Sinatra, Amy Winehouse and thousands more amazing artists that brighten the days of the patients. The volunteers at Northern Air regularly take visits to the hospital wards and talk to patients taking requests for them.

“Being one of the first 24 hour radio stations in Britain, Northern Air has relied on the generosity of people to fund it and the crew regularly undertake bag packs, quiz nights and other charity events. They need equipment for an internet stream service so that their radio service which has been broadcasting for over 50 years is able to be accessed by the hundreds of listeners that enjoy it daily.

“A study in 2016 (Hospital Broadcasting) highlighted the importance of hospital radio on patients’ psychosocial health as it reduces isolation and boredom and gives the patient a sense of importance and helps them to keep a connection to the outside world.

“I would like to thank presenter Les Leggett for showing me around the radio station and supporting me as a media student based at a local college. It is important to highlight that Les and the team at Northern Air are all volunteers who rely completely on donations to keep broadcasting.”
Farewell to Dr Kouta

A POPULAR consultant at Fairfield has been wished well as he leaves Pennine Acute.

Dr Salaheldin Kouta has worked for the Trust for 17 years as a consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology. Known for his hard work and dedication to his patients, he always goes above and beyond his role to ensure he delivers the best care. Fairfield is sad to lose such a wonderful doctor and he will not be forgotten in a hurry. Good luck with your future plans Dr Kouta.

Thanks for great care

A MEMBER of staff would like to thank sister Alex in the A&E department at North Manchester.

Victoria Birtwistle said: “Thank you for the care and support you gave to my 14 year old son when he attended your department. We can never repay you for your quick thinking and compassion and Callum is recovering well at home.

“You are a great asset to the Trust and we are lucky to have you. Keep up the good work.”

Join the PAT Pacers in Bury 10k - 17 Sept

THE run which is backed by the Bury fitness movement I will if you will, is open to people of all abilities and is mainly on the flat, so if you have never run a race before, this is the one for you!

There is also a short distance arena group family fun run which takes place just after the 10k and is completely free for children aged 3 to 14.

If you would like to join the Trust team, the PAT Pacers, please sign up to the race at www.runforall.com/10k/bury/ To register, click on the Asda Foundation Bury 10k 2017 - general entry £24.22 and on the second page, when asked if you are registering as part of a team, select The PAT Pacers from the drop down box.

If you will be joining the team on the day or need further information email deborah.bancroft@pat.nhs.uk

Happy 40th Chris

FRIENDS and colleagues from Rochdale Infirmary’s theatres would like to wish ODP Chris Grundy a happy 40th birthday. Have a great day x

Tasty treats for charity

STAFF from ward T3 at The Royal Oldham Hospital ensured that their colleagues around the site enjoyed tasty treats when they took part in national cupcake day in June.

They baked cakes and after selling them to people on their ward, they took the sweet confection trolley to other wards and departments at The Royal Oldham.

Well done on raising £240 for the Alzheimer’s Society.

Happy birthday Karen and Dawn

WARD T3 staff have been celebrating some special birthdays with their colleagues.

Happy 50th birthday to Sr Karen Bedford. Have a lovely day from all your friends and colleagues.

Enjoy your cruise and don’t forget about us – toffees gratefully received!

Happy 40th birthday to staff nurse Dawn Taft, the part time movie star! You don’t look a day over 50 say all your friends and colleagues at Oldham!

Wedding bells for Samantha and James

CONGRATULATIONS to staff nurse Samantha Brown from Rochdale theatres who has married James Jordan.

The wedding took place on 3 August at the Fishermans’ Retreat in Ramsbottom.

All your friends and colleagues wish you the happiest life together and a long and happy marriage.

Fun in the mud for Cancer Research

THANKS to everyone who sponsored the Sheila’s Angels team who ran the Pretty Mudder course at Heaton Park in memory of Sheila Redman.

The team comprised Kate Cooney, Claire Lloyd, Esther Fielden, Bettina Stobaeus O’Connor, Claire Costello, Joanne George, Tracey Holden, Dianne Davies and Kathryn Redman, who are all nurses, ODPs and support workers from Rochdale Infirmary, The Royal Oldham Hospital and NHS Oldham.

They raised over £1000 for Cancer Research, got very muddy and had lots of fun.