

## January: e-newsletter for Members

**Dear Member,**

Happy New Year. 2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Queens Medical Centre (QMC).

QMC was the first purpose-built teaching hospital in the UK and until 2012 was the largest UK hospital and largest teaching hospital in Europe. QMC was officially opened by the Queen on 28 July 1977 and admitted its first patient in 1978.

During the year we will be marking this milestone anniversary with some dedicated events, celebrations and awards. These will be promoted through this e-bulletin; it would be great to see as many members as possible involved in our celebrations. If you have an interesting fact about 'QMC40' please get in touch. We have set up a dedicated hashtag for Twitter #QMC40

If you have any questions about membership, do contact me directly at: [ft@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:ft@nuh.nhs.uk) or 0115 924 9924 x. 63953.

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Communications & Engagement Officer

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### Medicine for Members events

#### A Potted History of QMC

Tuesday 24 January, D Floor Restaurant QMC. 4.30pm - 6pm.

2017 is the 40th Anniversary of Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre. As a teaching hospital and medical school it was first conceived in 1965 when a decision was made in parliament to establish the first medical school in the 20th century outside London. As a consequence, establishing the QMC was for those who were its creators, no easy task, and for many years they had to fight off stiff competition from those who were against its construction.

For the first time members of NUH have the opportunity to come to an illustrated talk, to be given by Paul R. Swift, Honorary Archivist of our hospitals. Paul will talk you though how the QMC's creators managed to fight off those who were against its construction, and how the QMC has become one of the world's leading teaching hospitals in research and medical innovation.

This event is kindly sponsored by [The League of Friends QMC.](#)

## **The changing face of health and social care (Notts Sustainability and Transformation Plan)**

Tuesday 31 January, Education Conference Centre, Nottingham City Hospital, 10am - 12pm

Our Chief Executive, Peter Homa, is hosting this session to update members and patients on NUH's 2-year strategic plan, which will set out the Trust's priorities over the coming years.

NUH's plan will also describe how the Trust will contribute to the delivery of the recently-published Nottinghamshire Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP). The STP is the five-year plan that describes the future strategy for health and social care in our city and county. The plan considers how we can best improve the quality of care, the health and wellbeing of local people, and the finances of local services. The meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions about the NUH plans and the STP and to have your say on the delivery of future health and social care services in your community.

If you have not already confirmed your place at an event you would like to attend please contact [Foundation.Trust@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Foundation.Trust@nuh.nhs.uk) or call Tel: 0115 924 9924 ext 63953.

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### **NUH Chief Executive and Medical Director to retire in 2017 after 70 years of combined NHS service**

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust's (NUH) Chief Executive and Medical Director will retire in 2017, after a combined 70 years of service to the National Health Service.... including 35 years serving patients in Nottinghamshire.

Peter Homa, one of the longest serving Chief Executives in the NHS, will retire this summer, after almost four decades of service to healthcare. Peter joined NUH in 2006, the year Queen's Medical Centre and Nottingham City Hospital merged to form NUH. Dr Stephen Fowlie, Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive at NUH, will retire in May 2017 after spending more than 35 years in the NHS, including 20 years as a consultant in general and geriatric medicine at Nottingham City Hospital, where he became Medical Director in 2004.

[Read more here.](#)

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### **Quieter Wards Campaign**

Would you like to help us promote our Quieter Wards Campaign? We are seeking patient representatives to appear on a poster and in a short silent video.

The Quieter Wards Campaign encourages visitors, patients and staff to consider noise levels on wards to support recuperation. Noise levels need to be kept to a minimum throughout the day as well as the night.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Kelly France by 18 January at [Kelly.france@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Kelly.france@nuh.nhs.uk)

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### **Tinnitus Awareness Week**

This year Tinnitus Awareness week falls between 6th and 12th February. On Tuesday 7th February members of the NUH Audiology team and researchers from the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit will be at the Riverside Bulwell centre between 10am and 3pm. They will be on hand to answer questions about tinnitus and will have information on new resources available. The theme of the week is 'Together for Tinnitus' and amongst other things we will be showcasing the British Tinnitus Associations new online resource for patients and professionals. Tinnitus can affect both adults and children and we will be able to discuss how we can help here at Audiology.

If you are interested in tinnitus and wish to find out more please come along and talk to the team, you will find us near the main reception desk. Should you wish to contact us before then do email us on [audiology@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:audiology@nuh.nhs.uk) mentioning Tinnitus Awareness Week.

Further information on tinnitus can be found on the following websites:  
[www.tinnitus.org.uk](http://www.tinnitus.org.uk) [www.takeontinnitus.co.uk](http://www.takeontinnitus.co.uk) [www.plugem.co.uk](http://www.plugem.co.uk)

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### **Patient Feedback**

Patient feedback is a vital part of how we learn, improve and shape our services and now more and more people are taking to online feedback sites and social media to share their experience. Each week we publish a weekly round-up of our online feedback – the good and the bad – to ensure we are being open and honest and that we are learning from what our patients are saying.

If you want to see what patients are saying about us, or want to learn how you can share your experience online quickly and easily, have a read of our feedback blogs here: <http://trust-talk.blogspot.co.uk/>

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## **Help shape the future of your health and care; Public events to hear views on joint plan for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (the STP)**

The organisations that commission and provide health and social care services across Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County are seeking the views of patients and the wider public on their joint five year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

The draft STP for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire was published in November last year, and outlines how local NHS providers, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), councils, and other health and care services collectively plan to improve the quality of care, their population's health and manage finances across the system. The full plan, appendices and a summary guide are available at [www.stpnotts.org.uk](http://www.stpnotts.org.uk)

The events will take place as follows and are open to all:

5 to 7pm Wednesday 22 February 2017  
Council House, Market Square, Nottingham NG1 2DT

6 to 8pm Thursday 9 February 2017  
Newark Town Hall, Market Place, Newark-on-Trent NG24 1DU

2 to 4pm Friday 10 February 2017  
Mansfield Central Library, Four Seasons Centre, West Gate, Mansfield NG18 1NH

10 am to 12 noon Tuesday 24 January 2017  
City Ground (Nottingham Forest Football Club), Trent Bridge, Nottingham NG2 5FJ

To register your interest in attending any of the events above please call Rosie Atkin on 0115 883 5159 or email [Rosie.Atkin@nnotts.nhs.uk](mailto:Rosie.Atkin@nnotts.nhs.uk)

As well as attending the public events, people can provide comments and feedback via email to [STP@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:STP@nottscg.gov.uk)

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## **Could you spare a few hours a day or month to support the League of Friends QMC?**

The League of Friends of QMC is a registered charity that supports patients and staff at QMC in particular and the NUH Trust in general. We raise funds and invite applications from Departments and Wards for money to purchase items of equipment or materials which ordinarily their budget and other sources can't provide.

We have a Picture Gallery on D Floor and a shop in Keyworth that raises most of our money which are both staffed by volunteers and we gratefully receive donations and other contributions from other sources.

We have an urgent need for volunteers to help at our Art Gallery and volunteers to help coordinate the clothing donations to the Discharge Lounge.

If this is something you think you would like to help us with the please get in touch with Mrs. Barbara Jarratt, Membership Secretary, on 0115 925 9486 or [andrew.jarratt@live.co.uk](mailto:andrew.jarratt@live.co.uk).

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### **View from the Chair**

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### **Latest news from NUH**

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