

HEALTH AND CARE INSIGHTS

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Appointing a substantive Trust Chief Executive

As reported in July's *Health and Care Insights*, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Liz Davenport took up the role of interim Chief Executive earlier in the year when Mairead McAlinden stood down to look after her husband. We are interviewing for the Chief Executive post on 24 September and will make an announcement at the end of September.

Torbay Hospital's mortuary transformation



In the last year Torbay Hospital's mortuary has undergone a complete refurbishment. Originally completed in the 1970s, the mortuary now receives over 1,900 patients a year. The Human Tissue Authority (HTA) published its report in August 2017 and worked with the Trust's mortuary team to bring the mortuary up to date and meet new standards. Simon Hughes, Mortuary Manager (pictured) led the changes. Medical Director Rob Dyer said: "Simon and the mortuary team have worked incredibly hard to make the improvements as quickly as possible, working in partnership with the HTA, so that we not only meet but exceed expected standards. It is so important for families and loved ones to know that we are caring sensitively for those who have died while being under our care.

We are more confident than ever that we can provide care and preserve dignity for these patients and for their grieving relatives."

Researchers in Residence win prize

In July Dr Felix Gradinger and Dr Julian Elston, our 'researchers-in-residence' attended the inaugural Implementation Science Research Conference at Kings College, London, the theme of which was: 'Strengthening partnerships between researchers, health professional and policy-makers.' We are delighted that Felix and Julian were awarded a runner up prize for best oral presentation. Felix and Julian are from [Plymouth University](#) but are based permanently within our Trust's NHS teams. They work with staff, our partners, other key stakeholders and the general public across South Devon and Torbay to assess how the system is responding to our care model and its potential impact on people's experience of person-centred, co-ordinated care. Felix, pictured (right) receiving the prize from Prof. Nick Sevdalis said: "The way we live and innovate every day in relation to the conference theme must have resonated with our peers! Julian and I are really chuffed to have received this prize, acknowledging our work - co-producing with the ICO ('integrated care organisation') and other local stakeholders' insights around our integrated care model - as 'outstanding'."



Save the date: Annual Members Meeting - Friday 21 September

Our Annual Members Meeting will be held in the TREC lecture theatre at Torbay Hospital. The meeting will run from 2 – 4pm, with tea/coffee served beforehand at 1.30pm. Key talks will include: Dementia; the work of the Breast Cancer team; and the role of a Governor. Book your place by emailing foundationtrust.tsdf@nhs.net or telephone 01803 655705.

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Trust simulation team showcase virtual reality in healthcare to staff

On Friday 10 August Trust staff were encouraged to visit Torbay Hospital's Horizon Centre to learn how we are using virtual reality (VR) as a medical training tool, and experience using it for themselves. Nick Peres, Head of Learning Technologies R&D and his team are working with the Human Interface Technologies (HIT) team at Birmingham University, who demonstrated some of the virtual simulation work they have been creating which we can apply in a healthcare setting. Pictured is Prof. Bob Stone, head of HIT with Judy Falcoe, Trust Director of Workforce and Organisational Development, wearing a Vive Focus virtual reality headset – just one of many pieces of innovative VR technology that was on display. The Vive Focus is cable free and shows 360 degree content that the user can move around and navigate using both their head and a controller. On display in this particular headset was a project that has been created to help distract the user from pain by immersing them in an interactive, cinematic garden space. “We are really excited to be working with Bob and his team at Birmingham,” says Nick Peres. “We will continue to strengthen our collaborative relations with both academia and industry so that we can remain at the forefront of VR simulation work, and harness the value this technology can offer us.” Watch a short video of the day [here](#).



Dartmouth Open Day – Saturday 29 September

One of the comments we often hear is that people don't understand what our Health and Wellbeing teams do. So, some of our frontline staff in Dartmouth are planning to hold an open day at Dartmouth Clinic from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 29 September. There's a promise of some fun activities for all the family and free health checks as well as information about the planned new Health and Wellbeing Centre and a chance to see how all our different specialists work together as a single team to look after people in the community. Watch out for more details on our website, via social media and the Dartmouth Chronicle.

Coastal Wellbeing Event – Saturday 29 September

On 29 September local people are invited to a Health and Wellbeing event between 10am and 4pm at Pavilions, Teignmouth. There will be a chance to find out more about local services and opportunities - there will be performances, interactive workshops, taster classes and lots more.

New partnership to support estates development

On 20 August the Trust announced it would be entering into a Strategic Estates Partnership (SEP) and joint venture with Health Innovation Partners. This will enable the Trust and care model partners to draw on the [estates and commercial](#) expertise of Health innovation Partners and its parent companies Arcadis and Morgan Sindall Investments. The Trust has a very exciting [and ambitious estates strategy](#), and by working in this partnership the Trust can maintain control of developments and costs whilst tapping into the additional expertise, capacity and funding that the partner brings. Lesley Darke, Director of Estates and Commercial Development said: “This partnership will give us access to additional [market leading innovation and resource](#) so that we can forge ahead with bringing our estate up to date for the benefit of the people we serve.” Read the full press release and frequently asked questions [here](#).”

We hope you find this update useful and that you can see we are making real progress towards our aim of supporting more people to be well and independent. If you would like to receive future issues by email contact tsdft.communications@nhs.net