

**Chair's Business
(26 September 2019)**

Good News Stories

Title	Details
<p>Dr Brady Takes up New SAS Role</p>	<p>Dr Claire Brady, Specialty Doctor in Cardiology has taken up post as the new SAS Lead for the Trust. SAS doctors are a diverse group of doctors working across specialties, including Associate Specialists, Specialty Doctors, Staff Grades and Hospital Practitioners.</p> <p>This is a new role developed by the British Medical Association and Department of Health to help improve the recognition and development of SAS doctors and dentists across Northern Ireland. For the first time there will be a dedicated career development platform for the SAS workforce who will be supported by their Trust SAS Lead and a dedicated NIMDTA (Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Association) SAS Associate Dean</p> <p>Claire has worked with the Trust for three years and is passionate about the vital role that SAS doctors and dentists play in delivering safe, high quality patient care.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>
<p>New Car Parking Spaces at South Tyrone</p>	<p>There are now 20 additional car parking spaces on the South Tyrone Hospital Site – located at the old bin store beside Woodlawn. Car parking and traffic flow around our busy hospital sites is an ongoing challenge and we are always working to improve accessibility for patients visitors and staff within the limited space and resources available to us.</p> <p>We hope that these extra spaces will go some way to ease pressures at South Tyrone.</p> <p>We also appeal to drivers to please park responsibly when coming to the hospital and where possible consider other options like car share or public transport.</p> <p>Parking within the South Tyrone site is strictly for patients, staff and visitors on hospital business.</p> <p>We also urge staff and others using the hospital, to try to find a space within the grounds rather than parking on private business or residential property in the area.</p>
<p>Stay Steady!</p>	<p>To mark Falls Awareness week this September (23-29), we have teamed up with community and voluntary organisations across the area to host a range of falls prevention activities for those at risk. One in three people aged over 65 years old fall each year despite being in good health and one in two over 80s will experience a fall every year.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>
<p>Vote for Our Health Hero Katrina</p>	<p>We are delighted that one of our Dementia Activity Support Workers, Katrina Lavery, has been shortlisted for the National 'Our Health Heroes Awards'. Katrina is one of 12 UK finalists in the Clinical Support Worker of the Year category.</p>

	<p>The Our Health Heroes awards is a national programme dedicated to recognising the fantastic work that support staff do day-after-day to improve the quality of care given for patients and celebrate their achievements.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>
<p>Palliative Care: Surrounding You with Support</p>	<p>The theme of Palliative Care Week (8-14 September) this year, was ‘surrounding you with support’ emphasising the important role that the whole community, alongside health and social care staff, has to play in helping people with palliative needs. Palliative Care supports people of all ages to live well helping them to achieve the best possible quality of life as their illness progresses. It focusses on the person’s physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs and involves their loved ones.</p> <p>We had a range of activities across the Trust throughout the week.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>
<p>Local mums and maternity professionals launch maternity services video</p>	<p>Local mums, their babies and maternity professionals have celebrated the launch of a video providing an insight into Maternity services in the Southern Trust.</p> <p>With around 6,000 babies born each year, the video takes viewers through the pregnancy journey from the moment a positive pregnancy test is carried out to when women walk through the front entrance of the hospital.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>
<p>Trust Shines a Light on Organ Donation</p>	<p>To mark this year’s Organ Donation week from Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th September, a number of buildings across the Southern Trust area were lit up pink. There are currently around 137 people waiting on a transplant in Northern Ireland. Organ Donation Week aims to encourage more people to join the NHS register.</p> <p>Throughout the week, Craigavon Area, and South Tyrone hospitals were lit pink along with Ranfurly House and the Burnavon Centre in Mid Ulster, Newry Town Hall, the Palace Stables and Armagh Jail, Banbridge Town Hall and Craigavon Civic Centre.</p> <p>A specially commissioned artwork in honour of all of those who have donated organs was installed at Daisy Hill Hospital.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>

Events attended since the previous meeting

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<p>Palliative Care Conference (18th September 2019)</p>	<p>We have hosted a conference for hospital, community, hospice and care home staff on the 'Priorities for End of Life Care'.</p> <p>The event follows a number of activities organised during Palliative Care Week, highlighting the important role that the whole community alongside health and social care staff, has to play in helping people with palliative needs.</p> <p>Over 200 staff attended the conference which covered a range of issues to consider when looking after patients at end of life including: Recognising Dying, Symptom Management, Pain and Medication, Managing Nutrition and Hydration, Managing Breathing, Advance Care Planning, Spiritual Care and the importance of taking care of themselves.</p>
<p>Launch of Courtyard Cabin (23rd September 2019)</p>	<p>A new Courtyard Cabin has been officially opened at Craigavon Area Hospital offering a unique and supportive space for people to come together in a busy and often stressful hospital environment.</p> <p>The hexagon-shaped, hobbit-like wooden cabin has seating for about 15 people and is located in a courtyard in the centre of the hospital surrounded by trees and plants and outdoor seating.</p> <p>The idea of creating "a Human Hospital space" was supported and driven by people using our services. This courtyard was ideal as this space wasn't being used. We also secured external funding to pay for the cabin so we didn't use money designated for frontline services.</p> <p>The Courtyard cabin was inspired by the Camerados international movement which aims to create social environments that enable human connections by creating spaces for people to be alongside as equals and look out for each other.</p>