

**Report to the Trust Council of Governors: 29 July 2015**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Appendix 5.1 Governor Working Group – Volunteering and Education</b>
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<b>Report Purpose</b>	<b>For information</b>

**This report summarises the items discussed at the last meeting of the Governor Working Group for Volunteering and Education, held on 7 July 2015.**

**The purpose of the group is to monitor, promote, develop and support the Volunteer Programme, Work Experience and Education Liaison and relevant workforce issues.**

**Rev. Dr Willshaw will provide an update on changes in the group.**

## **Volunteering**

To date, there are 587 active volunteers; 378 under 25 years of age and 209 above 25 years of age.

### Meal Time Assistance

Thirteen meal time volunteers were trained on 30 April. One of the volunteers is a member of staff and another will be volunteering at Ripon Community Hospital at weekends. A further training session is scheduled for 23 July.

### Induction

Fourteen new young volunteers attended an induction session on 3 June.

### New opportunities

New volunteers have been placed in the following areas: Meet and Greet volunteers for the Medical Day Unit for two sessions per week, four young volunteers have commenced weekly roles in Pathology labs, admin assistance for the Care of the Elderly secretaries and admin assistance for the Bowel Screening Service.

### Friends Memorial Garden

A team of 14 volunteers from the Natwest Bank, along with three of the Trust gardening volunteers performed a “makeover” of the garden on 14 April. Seating was repaired and painted, tubs and planters filled and shrubs tidied. The garden is now looking the best it has done for a very long time and is used by patients, visitors and staff. Our own gardening volunteers are systematically tidying up courtyards and ward gardens across the hospital site and making a big difference. They are also providing gardening services for the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre.

### Tea Time Prep Volunteers

Following discussion with Kath Banfield, Matron for Infection Prevention & Control, we are intending to pilot this new role on four wards - Granby, Nidderdale, Wensleydale and Byland. The intention is for young volunteers to extend our current Hand Hygiene programme to in-patients. They will go onto the wards between 4 – 5pm, ensuring the patient over-bed tables are clean and clear of clutter and that patients have access to hand wipes and hand washing facilities and assist with cleaning patients’ hands where necessary.

### Activity Volunteers

Two members of staff have expressed an interest in becoming activity volunteers on Byland and Jervaulx. Following this interest, the role will be advertised in the “Daily Bulletin” to see if other staff members may be interested. The role is also advertised on the Trust’s Volunteering page on the Internet.

## **Work Experience**

### Placements

A total of 129 placements will have taken place between September 2014 and August 2015. The majority of these are post-16 students attending clinical areas but 11 year 10 students (aged 14-15 years) undertook non-clinical placements in Switchboard, Catering and Estates.

### Medical Placements

Forty-five students have undertaken a medical placement or have one planned to take place before August. We have tried to give students a range of different departments so that they get the maximum benefit from their placements as well as trying to place them in their areas of particular interest

### Education

As usual members of staff have been involved in Careers Fairs and in giving Careers Talks.

Unfortunately an Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness session had to be postponed because of a low take up during an exam period. It will be re-arranged for the autumn.

The education report is a little light this time due to the fact that we are in a period of transition. The contract with North Yorkshire Business Education Partnership (NYBEP) for the services of an Education Liaison Officer and a Work Experience Co-ordinator expires at the end of July and is not being renewed. In future, this work will be covered by the Corporate team. The future programme is in the process of being drafted. We have expressed our thanks to Claire Healy of NYBEP for all the work that she has done in recent years.

### Change of Chair

My impending retirement from the Council of Governors means, of course, that I have to relinquish the chairing of the group. It has been a joy and honour to hold this position. I am particularly proud of the work that the Governors do in this connection and it has been a very positive experience to be able to share in it.

I am delighted that Mrs. Jane Hedley is willing to take over from me and, at the meeting on 7 July, the group unanimously agreed to her appointment as Chair. She will bring her customary enthusiasm, energy and tenacity to the role and we wish her well. In view of the changes taking place in our educational work, it is sensible for her to take over immediately rather than wait until the end of the year.