

Report to the Trust Council of Governors: 6 February 2016

Title	Appendix 6.1 Governor Working Group – Volunteering and Education
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Report Purpose	For information

This report summarises the items discussed at the last meeting of the Governor Working Group for Volunteering and Education, held on 5 January 2016.

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

Mrs Hedley will highlight the Volunteer Awards and the growth of the Work Experience Programme.

Volunteering

We have 405 active volunteers who contributed 7,600 hours from August to November 2015. All volunteers are required to undergo children's safeguarding training, which can be done online or face to face. New volunteers will receive the training at their induction. Forty local 6th form students attended new training in January and they will take up their roles as teatime volunteers on the wards.

Ten new Mealtime Assistants were trained in November and I attended this and found it extremely interesting. A comprehensive handbook is given to every trainee.

New volunteers have been placed in the following places: a further volunteer in the child development centre in Northallerton, an admin volunteer in the Speech & Language Team, an Occupational Therapy volunteer, admin assistance for Byland ward, a Meet & Greet volunteer at main reception, Harrogate District Hospital, and a new volunteer gardener.

Volunteers helped at Medicine for Members events, and eight volunteers became Dementia Friends after attending an awareness session. A further 12 volunteers attended a course on the basics of life support run by the cardiac team.

Congratulations to two of our volunteers who received awards at the Harrogate Volunteering Oscars Ceremony. These are Ann Burrell who attends on the wards with her "Pets as Therapy" dogs and Carolyn Rothwell a volunteer gardener. At the successful tea party for Volunteers in December 2015 the work of our volunteer gardeners was highlighted.

Education Liaison

A very honest and informative talk on Preparing for Medical School was given by Mr Gary Hannant, Orthopaedic Registrar to 33 students at Harrogate Grammar School. Medical Mock Interviews took place at St Aidan's, attended by 24 students from six schools. Nursing mock interviews were held at Harrogate High School by senior nurses for 18 students from seven schools. We are enormously grateful to the staff who spend their time helping the younger generation.

A visit by 17 Students from Boroughbridge High School was undertaken as part of their GCSE Health & Social Care course and they enjoyed insights into the chapel, hotel and sterile services and went to the medical records department.

Work experience

Since August 2015, 12 students have been on work experience placements in Maternity, Radiology, Blood Sciences and on Farndale ward. The team has produced a poster to send to all departments in their efforts to secure more work experience.

Contact has been made with 16 local schools and requests for work experience is high with 70 applications for 2016. The tutors in the various schools are in direct communication with the team who are working hard to raise the profile of this valuable programme.