Welcome to the 2018 edition of Your Choice.

Welcome to the 2018 edition of Your Choice, our annual members magazine. As you will be aware from the national news, there are constant financial and service pressures on the NHS. However, although we are facing these challenges here in Rotherham, the hospital and our community services have over the last year done a magnificent job in providing quality services to the people of Rotherham and beyond.

To sustain our services here in Rotherham we must collaborate with our partners, particularly in Rotherham and across the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw region. Our work with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust, General Practitioner’s and the Voluntary Sector has improved the way we are able to deliver our services.

During the year we have evaluated our locality pilot in the Health Village, Rotherham Town Centre, where we have been working in a more integrated way to improve efficiency and effectiveness. It is envisaged that this integrated way of working will be rolled out into other areas of the borough to further improve health and care services.

South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw is one of eight areas of the country who are at the forefront of working together as part of an integrated care system. A Hospital Services Review has been commissioned and will report later in the year about how we can deliver some key services even better to the community.

In October of last year we were proud to have HRH The Duke of Kent open our new Urgent and Emergency Care Centre which we developed in collaboration with the Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group. We now have a state of the art facility providing urgent and emergency care services for the people of Rotherham. This has helped us recruit some extremely competent consultants and advanced nurse practitioners which will further enhance our service.

We have recently been awarded ‘Baby Friendly Status’ by the international children’s charity UNICEF. Also during the year we secured two major contracts to provide a remodelled Integrated Sexual Health Service and also the provision of 0-19 Children’s Services.

Our vision is to deliver excellent healthcare at home, in the community and in hospital and we are continually seeking ways of how this can be better delivered.

2018 is the 40th anniversary of the opening of Rotherham District General Hospital and I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues at the Trust for their commitment and the quality services that they provide on a daily basis. At the end of last year our Respiratory Nurse Consultant and our Ear Care and Audiology Service received national awards for the excellence of their services.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the Trust and we are pleased to be able to share with you a number of our achievements over the last year. So please read on to find out more, and thank you for your continued support.

Martin Havenhand
Chairman
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

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January – International children’s charity UNICEF awarded The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Baby Friendly status following backing from parents. The accolade recognised the hard work of colleagues in maternity services at the hospital and in the community who support and encourage mums to breastfeed.

February – Colleagues pledged to practice mindfulness, to look after themselves and others and to exercise more during Time to Talk Day. We also celebrated the achievements of our volunteers throughout 2016 at a special event where almost 40 dedicated volunteers from across the Trust joined us.

March – The Trust’s procurement team celebrated becoming one of only four Trusts in Yorkshire to achieve accreditation from the NHS Skills Development Network. The Trust has achieved Level 1 Standard seven months before the Government’s deadline, under the Lord Carter recommendations, for all NHS acute trusts.

April – The charity donated £20,000 to fund 11 ceiling and wall murals at the hospital, which when combined with specialist lighting, reflect a calming and cheerful glow. Also in April, colleagues from across the Trust were getting in the spirit of the Tour de Yorkshire with a range of activities being held.

May – The Trust signed an employer pledge with Time to Change, a national mental health campaign, during Mental Health Awareness Week. Time to Change aims to end mental health discrimination, ensuring people can access the support they need without feeling isolated or ashamed.

June – We celebrated national Volunteers’ Week 2017 and Rotherham’s Volunteers’ Month. We also saw protected mealtimes being re-introduced across the Trust which supports patients to recover well and is also an essential part of their health and wellbeing.

July – This month saw the long-anticipated opening of the state-of-the-art Urgent and Emergency Care Centre at Rotherham Hospital which brought together the previously separate Walk-in Centre and A&E department into a purpose built facility.

August – Our Research, Innovation and Clinical Effectiveness team celebrated after marking a tremendous improvement in the number of participants taking part in studies in 2016/17. The team has achieved a phenomenal 99.3% rise in the total number of participants in studies in Rotherham. August also saw Rotherham cancer patients giving another year of high ratings to The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust for their treatment.

September – The Trust celebrated gaining the contract for the fitting and monitoring of complex cardiac devices, such as implantable defibrillators and cardiac resynchronisation therapy pacemakers. The contract, awarded by NHS England, increases access to specialist device therapy for people across South Yorkshire and will particularly benefit Rotherham patients, who will be able to get treatment closer to home.

October – Rotherham’s remodelled Integrated Sexual Health Services were launched. All sexual health services; advice, testing, treatment and contraceptive services in Rotherham are now available under one roof at Rotherham Hospital, with several outreach clinics across community venues. In October we also received HRH The Duke of Kent to officially open our new £12.2M Urgent and Emergency Care Centre.

November – An award winning month at the Trust with Gail Miles, Respiratory Nurse Consultant and the Ear Care and Audiology Service both scooping national accolades. Gail Miles was awarded The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Award for Outstanding Service at a ceremony in London and the Ear Care and Audiology Service won the ‘Care of Older People’ category at the Nursing Times Awards for its innovative approach to patient care.

December – This month marked the annual Proud Awards ceremony where more than 200 of the Trust’s health care professionals and NHS colleagues came together to celebrate their fantastic achievements. During the same week colleagues who have dedicated over 40 years’ service to the NHS were also recognised as part of the Long Service Awards.

For more information and news from the Trust visit our website www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk/news
A message from Lead Governor, Dennis Wray

I have been a Public Governor at the Trust since 2008 and it was my pleasure to accept the role as Lead Governor in 2015.

In the coming weeks we will be starting the Governor election process for 2018. We have seven seats across five constituencies available and I would encourage all members of the Trust to consider standing for election to the Council of Governors.

No formal qualifications are required, nor is it necessary for candidates to have a background in, or have knowledge of, the workings of the National Health Service. Our Governors come from a variety of backgrounds and it is this diversity of interests and experience which enables the Council of Governors to fulfil its role in representing the interests and views of Trust members, patients and the general public within our constituencies, giving them the opportunity to influence the future direction of the Trust.

As well as engaging with the public, promoting new services and contributing their experience to a number of Council sub-committees, Governors also have a number of statutory duties, such as participating in the appointment of the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors and holding the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board. We are also often invited by members of the Board, to voice our opinion on issues as they arise, with our views taken into consideration before decisions are made.

So being a Governor matters, but even if you feel that the role of Governor is not for you, you can still make a valuable contribution as a Member by voting in the election – so please look out for your voting information arriving in the post.

I would finally like to say thank you in advance to all those who will put themselves up for election or re-election to the Council of Governors.

Dennis Wray, Lead Governor.

Full name: Gavin William Rimmer
Your Constituency: Rother Valley South

Why did you join the Council of Governors? My passion is and will remain, improving healthcare and ensuring access to better services for us all. I felt that I could use my experience to help make a small difference in Rotherham and to the role of the Governor.

What does being a Public Governor mean to you? Governors have statutory duties, however the role means so much more than that. It is important for me that our voices are heard in a way that helps the Trust serve the people of Rotherham. It is a very important role which I enjoy and is embraced by our Trust leadership.

What do you feel you bring to the Governor role? Experience: commercial experience, experience of working with the NHS and a knowledge of the commissioning and provision of services. I also bring passion, enthusiasm and (occasionally) a bit of humour!

What do you do in your role? Like members of the public, we are invited to observe the Public Board meetings and also attend sub-committees. This helps us to understand how well the Trust is performing and have a real time view of where the Trust lies in terms of quality and financial performance etc. It also allows us to observe the excellent job our Non-Executive Directors do. I also attend quarterly Council of Governors meetings and have regular meetings with the Chairman of the Trust to exchange information and share feedback from Governor colleagues.

What would you say to anyone considering the role of Public Governor at the Trust? If you want to help your community then go for it! The role is very rewarding!
On 9 March 2018 nominations for our Council of Governors Elections 2018 will open for 55 days. During that time, we will be looking for Members of the Trust who are passionate about healthcare and want to help influence the future of their local NHS Trust, to consider becoming Governors.

The terms of office are for three years, at which point Governors are eligible to re-stand. No previous experience is required as we will provide full training, support and information packs to assist newcomers in the role. More information on the role, including essential reading documents are available on our website http://www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk/Corporate_Governance_Information/Governors_Elections/.

Alternatively please contact Dawn Stewart, Corporate Governance Manager on 01709 427022 or e-mail foundation.trust@rothgen.nhs.uk.

Members living in all constituencies where elections are being held will be receiving information from Electoral Reform Services, who are undertaking the election process on our behalf. The closing date for applications to become a Public Governor is 10 April 2018.

A nomination form can also be obtained by calling 0208 889 9203 or emailing ftnominationenquiries@electoralreform.co.uk

The constituencies where elections will be held in 2018 are:

- Rotherham North, 1 seat
  Keppel, Rotherham West, Wingfield (Thorpe Hesley, Kimberworth Park, Greasbrough, Masbrough)

- Wentworth North, 2 seats
  Hoober, Swinton, Wath (Harley, Wentworth, Brampton, Upper Haugh)

- Wentworth Valley, 1 seat
  Hellaby, Maltby, Wickersley (Flanderwell, Bramley, Listerdale)

- Rother Valley West, 1 seat
  Brinsworth & Catcliffe, Holderness, Rother Vale (Treeton, Thurcroft, Brampton, Aston, Aughton)

- Rest of England, 2 seats
  Covers all areas not within RMBC boundaries

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Additionally, elections will be held in the following colleague constituencies (applications from Trust colleagues only):

- Professional Nurses and Midwives
- Medical and Dental
- Support colleagues to health professionals

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Did you know?

- One of the Trust’s quality improvement indicators was chosen by the Council of Governors, which the Trust’s external auditors monitor throughout the year and report back on to determine what improvements there have been.

- As part of their inspection process, the members of the Council met independently with the Care Quality Commission to ascertain their views on the quality of care.

- Throughout the year Governors have taken an active role in the assessment of quality of care, both by joining the senior nurses in their regular Quality Assurance walk rounds and by conducting Governor Surgeries for both patients and the public to air their views on the provision of Trust services.

The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 11 April 2018. These public meetings start at 5.15pm and are usually held in the PGME Lecture Theatre, D Level, Rotherham Hospital. All details are listed on our website at www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk and the agenda is available at the meeting.

Save the Date

Annual Members’ Meeting

18 July 2018
Traditionally treatment for Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (NAIT) is provided at larger specialist hospitals and previously, women in Rotherham would have had to make weekly visits to Sheffield.

NAIT occurs when rare antibodies pass from mother to foetus and cause a fall in the platelet count of the unborn baby. Platelets are essential for blood clotting and so severe NAIT can cause foetal death and miscarriage. The treatment for NAIT involves steroid tablets and weekly infusions of immunoglobulin, which alters the immune system, reducing the levels of the causative antibody and therefore the risk of foetal complications.

Stephanie Thevenon (pictured bottom right), aged 26, found out about NAIT following the birth of her first child. She said: “We were very lucky that my first birth was alright as it was after this we found out about the low platelet levels.

“Having the treatment available in Rotherham and not having to travel to Sheffield every week has made such a big difference to me. I’m so thankful to everyone at Rotherham Hospital. It was a very difficult pregnancy and the whole team were amazing and really supportive – if it wasn’t for them I might not have been able to give birth to a healthy baby.”

Dr Richard Went, Consultant Haematologist at the Trust, has been instrumental in bringing this treatment to Rotherham. He said: “During my eight years working in Rotherham I’ve never encountered this disease. To then have two women requiring treatment for such a rare condition at the same time was really unexpected, but being able to offer them the treatment they needed here in Rotherham is very satisfying.

“Treatment for NAIT is quite intense but by working closely with our colleagues in Sheffield we have been able to bring the care much closer to home for our patients.”

Well done to everyone who has helped bring this treatment to Rotherham.
Each year as part of our annual Proud Awards, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust ask for your nominations of exceptional NHS colleagues who pull out all the stops to deliver outstanding care and first class community and hospital services across our borough.

Out of over 150 nominations, the winner of the Public Recognition Award 2017 was Mr Richard Crosher and the Oral Maxillofacial Team. Attendees at the Trust’s annual awards ceremony heard how Mr Crosher and his team helped patient Stephen Peters overcome throat cancer twice.

In their nomination Stephen’s wife, Dawn, said: “Mr Crosher has saved my husband’s life twice now following throat cancer. The second time he got it we were told by another consultant that they could not do any more for him but sure enough Mr Crosher came back to work and was not ready to give up on Stephen and was happy to operate again.

“He worked with the doctors at Weston Park hospital to plan more radiotherapy. Stephen has been in remission now for six years. I cannot thank Mr Crosher and his team of staff enough for what they have done for us. They have worked so hard with Stephen over the years enabling him to see his children grow into adults and for me to still have my soul mate here with me. The biggest thank you ever goes to these people.”

Mr Crosher, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, said: “It was very touching to be nominated for, let alone win, this award. Many, many people other than myself were involved in Stephen’s care, all of whom work together as part of a multidisciplinary team to achieve the best possible care and outcomes that we can for our patients.”

The Oral Maxillofacial Team at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust provides diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting the mouth, jaws, face and neck. This includes the management of facial injuries, head and neck cancers and salivary gland diseases. The Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons have close links with other specialist colleagues including orthodontists, ENT surgeons, oncologists and dermatologists.

Stephen recorded a special thank you message for Mr Crosher and the Oral Maxillofacial Team. He said: “We nominated Mr Crosher and his team, partly as a thank you, for treating me twice for throat cancer. If it wasn’t for them, I would not be here today.

“The Team are very professional and very caring. They not only change lives, they save lives. I don’t think there is a small thing or a little word to say how we feel for that. But my wife and I would both like to say, thank you very much.”

For the full list of Proud Award winners 2017, please visit our website at: http://www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk/ProudWinners2017/
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Respiratory nurse receives royal recognition

A Rotherham nurse’s dedication to improving the care available to people with respiratory conditions has been recognised as part of the Queen’s Nursing Institute awards.

Gail Miles, Respiratory Nurse Consultant at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, was awarded The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Award for Outstanding Service earlier this week at a ceremony in London.

The award was in particular recognition for her instrumental leadership in helping set up and run the only nurse-led model of care for respiratory inpatients and outpatients in Europe.

BreathingSpace, as it is known, provides treatment for people with respiratory disease including bronchiectasis, pulmonary fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma. The model of care at BreathingSpace promotes patient self-management and participation, particularly with exercise as well as more conventional management.

On receiving the award, Gail said: “I am extremely honoured to receive this award and consider this to be on behalf of all the staff who have contributed to the success of BreathingSpace over the last 10 years.”

Earlier this year BreathingSpace celebrated its 10th anniversary by holding a special event attended by patients, members of staff and partners where they had the opportunity to reminisce over the past decade.

As well as highlighting the amazing work of nurses from across the country, the Queen’s Nursing Institute used this year’s awards to celebrate 130 years since its foundation by Queen Victoria.

Innovative ear care service wins national award

A service providing improved ear care services for the over 55s in Rotherham has won a national award for its innovative approach.

The Ear Care and Audiology Service at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust won the ‘Care of Older People’ category at the Nursing Times Awards which were held in London on 2 November.

The service has brought two formerly separate teams together and now provides a seamless ear care and hearing service from Rotherham Community Health Centre.

Previously, many patients would have to wait up to six months and attend a number of separate appointments before receiving a hearing aid. Now, a one-stop-shop approach means that most of these patients can have their appointments and go home with a hearing aid on the same day.

A particular area of the service highlighted by the award’s judges was in relation to a range of training courses that the team deliver to nurses, doctors and audiologists from around the country. By doing so the team have created additional revenue which is then reinvested into NHS services.

Linda Mills, Head of the Ear Care and Audiology Service at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, said: “We are absolutely thrilled to have won this award. We have an amazing multi-disciplinary team who work extremely hard to provide our patients with a high quality service.

“Our patients think it is great that they can see the right healthcare professional and potentially go home with a hearing aid on the same day.”

To find out more about the service, or the training courses that are delivered, please visit www.earcarecentre.com.

The annual Nursing Times Awards recognise the innovation and excellent care nurses provide every day across the country.
Fundraisers light up hospital at Charity Christmas Fair

Festive fundraising at the Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity’s Christmas Fair raised £812.55 to help fund resources and equipment which make the lives of patients, and their families, better.

The countdown to Christmas officially began at the annual event in December with volunteers, fundraisers and colleagues from the Trust and Unison Rotherham joining forces to bake cakes, create hand-made crafts, sell festive cards, decorations, books, toys and gifts.

Rotherham United Football Club fans were also treated to a visit from their sporting heroes Anthony Forde, Joe Newell and Richard O’Donnell who switched on the Trust’s festive lights alongside youngsters from Busy Bees Nursery.

Martin Havenhand, Chair of the Charity, said: “Christmas is a special time for many people but we know that it can also be a struggle for those who are staying in hospital or who are visiting their friends and family. We hoped our Charity Christmas Fair would bring a little sparkle to people’s lives and we were delighted that it did.”

Volunteers helped to spread the Christmas cheer by selling Charity cards, decorations and books, raising £2,155. Gifts and chocolate treats were also donated by the Rotherham Lions Club, Rotherham College, Wingfield Academy and St Bernard’s Catholic High School.

Green-fingered volunteers will be digging deep for the Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity again this year when they sow and sell beautiful blooms and vegetables – all with a purple hue.

From purple broccoli, beetroot and carrots, to violet and lilac coloured flowers – fundraisers from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and community growers’ organisation Rotherham In Root will be raising money for the Charity’s Purple Butterfly Appeal.

Volunteer Sally Moffett said: “We will have a beautiful variety of sunflowers on offer again, such as happy smiles, incredibles and teddy bears. But we also wanted to do something different so we decided to grow purple flowers and vegetables to honour the Purple Butterfly Appeal.

“Hopefully with everyone’s support we can beat the £800 we raised last year.”

The money will help to fund a fourth Purple Butterfly room at Rotherham Hospital.
Thanks to generous colleagues, fundraisers and donors, the Rotherham Hospital and Community Charity has funded a host of equipment and resources to help make the lives of patients being cared for in the community and at Rotherham Hospital better.

From toys and children’s entertainers to interactive touch-screen technologies and life-saving equipment – every penny raised has helped to make a difference.

Gabby Atmarow, Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee, said: “Our amazing volunteers, donors and fundraisers raised £105,906 in 2017. We have been working hard with colleagues throughout the Trust to ensure all the money goes towards funding things which are above and beyond what the NHS could afford and which enhance the care patients receive.”

• Funding has included £6,700 to refurbish Maria’s Room on the Special Care Baby Unit. The room now offers a welcoming home-from-home environment, allowing families to stay close to their babies during their care.

• The Charity invested £37,780 in touch-screen TVs and iPad’s, all loaded with digital reminiscence software to engage dementia patients. The equipment is used to help patients develop their own ‘life story book’ as well as to listen to music, view archive clips and interactive games. This therapy helps patients feel calmer, more confident, helps stimulate conversations and reduces any challenging behaviour that is common with the condition.

• Patients receiving critical, intensive care will benefit from specialist C-MAC equipment and a monitoring kit, worth £7,461.28. The equipment is used to intubate people more easily and is particularly suitable for cancer patients.

• Funding has included £150 for specialist physiotherapy equipment such as dumbbells, soft ball weights, stress balls, ankle weights and exercise pedals for patients at Oakwood Community Unit. The equipment allows patients to build their strength and independence before they return home.

• Rotherham’s new Urgent and Emergency Care Centre is now a more comforting and interactive place for children thanks to a host of toys worth £500 funded by the Charity.

• Thanks to £22,000 funding, a Changing Places facility is now available in reception at Rotherham Hospital to help maintain the privacy, dignity and independence of patients. It benefits older people and their carers, those with long term conditions and people with learning or physical disabilities. The area includes a toilet, a curtain for privacy, a height adjustable changing bench, wash basin and a hoist.

• A new pool extraction board at Park Rehabilitation Centre means swimmers who become unwell while in the centre’s hydrotherapy pool can be evacuated more quickly. The £990 board’s new design means the safety straps are more durable, it’s lighter and easier to carry, and fewer lifeguards are needed in an emergency.

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Years of planning, construction and hard work culminated in the opening of Rotherham’s new Urgent and Emergency Care Centre on 6 July 2017.

The new centre has brought the town’s previously separate Emergency Department (at Rotherham Hospital) and Walk-in Centre (previously at Rotherham Community Health Centre) together in a purpose-built building at the hospital site. A primary aim of the new centre, which has been led by The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust along with NHS Rotherham CCG, is to make it easier and quicker for people to get the care they need first time.

As part of the new development a new way of working has been introduced and GPs have a key role to play in treating patients. GPs will see many of the same patients as other healthcare workers in the centre, as well as the minor conditions that would have previously been seen as part of the Walk-in Centre service at Rotherham Community Health Centre.

Duncan Wilson is the Lead GP for the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre. He said: “I’ve worked as a GP in Rotherham for 25 years and in that time have worked through a number of attempted reorganisations of healthcare systems in the area, few of which have had a lasting impact on the way care is managed and delivered.

“The Urgent and Emergency Care Centre is different. It is taking best practice from a variety of emergency care services into a single team to provide a robust and flexible service providing high quality, efficient care at the point of greatest demand.”

Rotherham’s GP out-of-hours service is managed from the new centre.

This means anyone who calls NHS 111 and requires a GP out-of-hours appointment will be directed to the new centre where they will be seen by a GP.

Duncan continued: “The centre has a lot of potential. We have not only integrated teams from emergency care, mental health and social care but we are also blurring the boundaries between hospital, primary and community care.

“If you come to the new centre with an urgent or emergency care need, you will be seen by the most appropriate healthcare professional for you. This could be a nurse, doctor or indeed a GP. If you come to the centre with a routine or long-term condition you may be advised to make an appointment with your own GP, speak to a pharmacist or to self-care at home.”

For more information, health advice and to find your local pharmacy visit the NHS Choices website: www.nhs.uk
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Woodsetts Road, North Anston, South Yorkshire

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Hospital launches new last minute appointments hotline

If you are waiting for an out-patients appointment at Rotherham Hospital and can attend at short notice, you can now ring a special hotline to get an appointment sooner.

The last-minute appointments hotline is on 01709 427520.

Appointments often become available at short notice including on the same day. The hotline is aimed at ensuring these appointments are not wasted as well as reducing the time patients have to wait for appointments. Patients who are waiting for an appointment or who already have an appointment and would like to be seen sooner are invited to call the last minute appointments hotline. The hospital offers last minute appointments across all specialties according to availability.

We are also using patients’ mobile phone numbers to send reminders about hospital appointments. Do we have your number? If not, make sure you give it to us when you next attend an appointment.

Help us celebrate our 40 Year Anniversary

1978 - 2018
Share your memories!

During 2018, the Trust will be celebrating 40 years since Rotherham Hospital officially opened to the public. It will also be 70 years since the NHS was launched.

We’ll be holding a number of events and activities throughout the year to celebrate both of these milestones and we need your help!

Have you got any special memories of Rotherham Hospital?
Have we made a significant long-term change to your life for the better?
Did you work for us 40 years ago when we opened?
Have you got any memories from when the NHS was launched in 1948?
Do you have any old photos of the hospital?

Please get in touch and share your memories by emailing TRFT40@rothgen.nhs.uk or by calling the Communications Team on 01709 427286.

You can also follow us on Twitter @RotherhamNHS_FT or like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/TheRotherhamNHSFoundationTrust to share your memories and keep up to date with upcoming activities and events.

Join us for the next 40 years!

All of our vacancies are advertised on NHS Jobs. You can also use NHS Jobs to apply online. For more information about careers and jobs with The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, visit our website at http://www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk/jobs/