

# Awards & Appointments

## Nursing Network Award 2013 winners

Celebrating the success of you and your team



The Nursing Network Awards champion best practice in specialist breast care nursing. We'll be recognising individuals or teams who have demonstrated innovative and pioneering ideas that make a positive difference to patient care.

### Best multidisciplinary team project

Tracey Coleby and team, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust: Joint working between Breast Medical Oncology and Palliative Care By adopting the SPARC holistic needs model, this project aims to better treat metastatic breast cancer patients by sooner identify

those that have progressed on their current therapy, or approaching their last year of life. Once identified, each patient is now discussed at the weekly MDT to help identify treatment options, the use of SPARC, consider palliative care involvement and identify a key worker. This has led to fewer emergency in-patient admissions, with shorter lengths of stay. Patients are better prepared for advancing disease, stopping active treatment and focusing on best supportive care options, with a greater emphasis on patient wishes, preferences and quality of life.

Highly commended: The Breast Radiotherapy Injury Rehabilitation Service (BRIRS)

### Best research and audit project

Morven Angus and team, Essex County Hospital: Exploring the needs of patients with secondary breast cancer

It was recognised that the current service provision was focussed on patients with primary breast cancer, so an audit prior to setting up the service and two years after establishment were carried out, as well as a study which explored the supportive needs of patients

with secondary breast cancer. The results from the initial audit were used to reconfigure the team and secure funding for another full time BCN. The new secondary BCN service starting in 2011, which gives patients a consistent key worker, an increased provision of information and support and on-going management of the patient pathway.

Highly commended: Maria Leadbeater, Ashgate Hospice, A 12-month audit of women living with metastatic breast cancer referred to the Community Palliative Care Specialist Nursing Team

### Best patient initiative

Roberta Haji, Spire Dunedin Hospital: Setting up a nurse-led nipple and areolar tattooing service

Whilst attending breast clinics and listening to patient experience, it became clear there was a gap in service provision, with patients having to travel elsewhere for their tattooing. To offer patients a complete service, a project to establish a nurse-led tattooing clinic was set up. This service has helped improve patient care and has a positive impact on psychological well being.

Highly commended: Elli Purser and team at Havering and Redbridge Hospitals NHS Trust, Breast Screening Learning Disabilities Service

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## World leading cancer expert completes a series of appointments at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and the University of Liverpool have appointed international cancer specialist Professor Michael Brada as Chair of Radiation Oncology, to further strengthen their expertise in pioneering research and cancer treatment.

Professor Michael Brada, who joined the centre in December 2013 from the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, is a world



leading researcher who specialises in the treatment of brain, spinal and lung cancers. He was the first to develop a highly precise method of radiotherapy treatment for tumours of the central nervous system known as fractionated stereotactic conformal radiotherapy, and more recently, he has turned his expertise to developing radiotherapy techniques to treat lung cancers. He will continue this groundbreaking research once in role. ■

# New Head of Health and Social Care appointed at the University of Surrey

Nora Kearney will take up post as the Head of School and Professor of Cancer Care in the School of Health and Social Care in January 2014. Prior to being appointed to the University, Nora was Professor of Cancer Care and Dean of Research in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Dundee and the CRUK Dundee Cancer Centre where she leads research in cancer care. She was also an Honorary Clinical Professor with NHS Tayside and Director of the newly-established Research Centre for



Inequalities at the University of Dundee. She also has a Visiting Professor role at University College Dublin.

Nora was previously the Director of the Cancer Care Research Centre (CCRC) that she established in 2003 at the University of Stirling, having developed the concept of the CCRC from her clinical experience of working closely with people affected by cancer. Nora has a long clinical career in cancer nursing and previous academic positions at the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. ■

## King's Health Partners Integrated Cancer Centre

**K**ing's Health Partners Integrated Cancer Centre brings together world-class clinical services, research and academic excellence in teaching for the benefit of patients in south east London and beyond.

Working with our acute care, academic, general practitioner and community partners as well as the local population, we are developing and applying innovations in the discovery, development and delivery of new types of cancer care.

We are an accredited Academic Health Science Centre bringing together a world-class university (King's College London) and three outstanding hospital trusts (Guys and St Thomas', Kings College Hospital and the South London and Maudsley). Our services and research facilities enjoy an international reputation for providing high quality care, for conducting translational and clinical research and for delivering excellent teaching and training.

Our NHS trusts' provide secondary clinical services to 1.6 million people in south east London and specialist services to the same population and beyond. Every year we see nearly 20,000 suspected cancer patients and treat more than 5,000 newly diagnosed patients.

Our range of specialist services includes Europe's largest liver transplant centre, Europe's largest blood sciences laboratory, the UK's largest live kidney donor programme and one of Europe's largest Bone Marrow Transplant Centres. Our work integrates psychiatric services and research, delivered by our mental health partner trust South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. Unique amongst cancer centres, we are also supported by the Cicely Saunders Institute - the world's first institute of palliative care.

King's Health Partners Integrated Cancer Centre is committed to being:

- Patient-centred - patients are at the heart of our services with excellent access to, and experience of, care.
- Research-driven - research is undertaken by experts with the latest technologies to bring new treatments from the laboratory to our patients, leading the way in the discovery of cause, prevention, treatment and cure for cancer.

- Clinically-led – innovations are developed in cancer management, which are driven by clinicians in collaboration with researchers, managers and patients.

The Integrated Cancer Centre is a comprehensive cancer centre developing innovations that improve care for patients, with a cadre of world-class researchers. Our researchers influence global cancer care and international research, producing over 500 publications annually, and contribute to over 150 active trials and leading over 30 clinical trials per year. Our success is built on the breadth and depth of our research centres and programmes.

### Research programmes

Our research programmes cover the entire patient pathway, from prevention and cancer genetics to innovative treatments and palliative care. Our research programmes in haematology, breast and prostate cancer, palliative care, cell biology, imaging, epidemiology, cancer policy, nursing, urology and thoracic cancer are recognised internationally.

### New Cancer Centre at Guy's

We are building an innovative new Cancer Centre at Guy's Hospital. The new Cancer Centre will allow us to provide the majority of our ambulatory cancer services in state of the art facilities.

Treatment provision such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy and diagnostics will be combined with Dimbleby Cancer Care providing a one stop service to streamline the patient's journey within the building. Access to the latest technology in diagnostics and treatment will be fundamental to the way the centre works and enhanced IT systems will support this.

Patients and the local community have helped design every aspect of the building, from the way that care is organised to improved facilities, and to support world class research into new treatments. An art strategy is currently being developed to support the healing environment. The centre will open in Autumn 2016.