

Two New Directors for Yeovil District Hospital

Yeovil District Hospital has welcomed two new directors, Sue Jones and Jeremy Martin.

Taking over the role of Director of Nursing and Clinical Governance is Sue Jones. Sue was previously Interim Deputy Chief Nurse at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

The 46-year-old mother of two from Clevedon joined the Bristol Trust as a student nurse 28 years ago and has remained there since. During this time her roles have included Head of Nursing and Assistant Chief Nurse responsible for the medical wards in the Bristol Royal Infirmary, A&E, Outpatients and Bristol General Hospital. Prior to that Sue was Assistant Director of Nursing responsible for research and practice development. Much of Sue's clinical practice was in paediatrics.

Sue said: "I am passionate about nursing and healthcare. I like making a difference to patients by improving services particularly through changes in the way we work - making our wards more productive for example. Non-medical prescribing is an area I am particularly interested in as it was the subject of my masters degree."

Sue has a national nursing profile having been a Royal College of Nursing Council Member for seven years and Chairman of the South West Regional Board and Vice-Chairman of the RCN Council. Sue admits to enjoying the politics of healthcare!

Sue is particularly impressed with the caring ethos she has experienced at Yeovil District Hospital. She said: "It is lovely the way the staff feel valued through the Trust's iCARE initiative which reflects on the excellent care they give to patients. I really like the friendly atmosphere at Yeovil where nursing is in a strong place to face the challenges that will be presented to the NHS over the next three years."

Sue took over from Alison Moon who is now the Chief Nurse at Sue's former Trust.

Jeremy Martin is Yeovil District Hospital's new Director of Planning and Performance. He has replaced James Rimmer who has been appointed as Director of Operations at Jeremy's old workplace, the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust.

Jeremy was the Head of Business Development at the hospital. Aged 40, Jeremy has had a varied career in healthcare. Soon after graduating he was the Assistant Private Secretary to a junior Health Minister before taking on the role of a business manager with Bromley Health Authority. He then moved to the West Country where he became Associate General Manager for Cardiothoracics at the Bristol Royal Infirmary and then to the Somerset Health Authority where he was a Performance and Planning Manager.

Jeremy is no stranger to Yeovil District Hospital. Whilst working for the Dorset and Somerset Strategic Health Authority he was responsible for performance managing the hospital.

Jeremy said: "I have been made to feel very welcome and am struck by the very positive atmosphere around the Trust. I am really looking forward to becoming part of the hospital community."

Osteoporosis Service Improvements

From the 1st September, there will be a change to the osteoporosis service at Yeovil District Hospital. Formal reporting of the scans will no longer take place and the scan images with scores will be available on PACS and be printed off for the GP.

We hope that the available draft NICE guidance and online FRAX (<http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>) tools will be utilised to determine treatment recommendations. The main advantage to this system will be that results will be available to both the patient and GP immediately and will stop any existing delays in obtaining results. Those patients, where treatment choices are more difficult, such as those with secondary cause (eg testosterone deficiency, coeliac disease, eating disorders), should be referred formally for a Consultant opinion. In addition, those requiring treatments with intravenous bisphosphonates (eg Ibandronate IV/ Zoledronate IV) or anabolic agents (Teriparatide) should be referred to secondary care.