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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT THE FLOWHESION FOUNDATION



This issue of our ever-popular youth e-magazine has been written whilst we are in the midst of a serious pandemic. Our Young people were therefore not able to go on field visits or take pictures of themselves working together. Despite these restrictions our young people have put together an extremely awesome and interesting magazine.

The pandemic has brought a lot of pressure on public services and our Foundation has been at the forefront of the response in Bolton, providing quality counselling, food parcels, online stress and anxiety management videos and many other innovative solutions to keep people safe and healthy during these difficult times.

I want to personally thanks members of our NHS, Probation, Public services for working tirelessly through these times.

I hope we are able to meet again in much more radiant circumstances.

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Executive Director

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By Hersey Hassan

Aspire

Footballer Marcus Rashford has launched a government petition calling for more children to get free school meals after successfully lobbying ministers earlier this year.

The Manchester United star, 22, wants to extend free school meals to every child from a household on Universal Credit or equivalent benefit, which he claims will reach 1.5 million seven to 16-year-olds who are currently missing out.

He is also calling for Healthy Start vouchers, which offer free milk and produce to pregnant mothers and families with young children, to increase from £3.10 a week to £4.25.

Thirdly he wants to make sure all families with children on free school meals get support with food and activities for them during the holidays.

Rashford, who received an MBE in the Queen's honours list, achieved a government U-turn on school meals earlier this year.

Ministers had planned to stop the £15-a-week scheme set up while schools were shut during lockdown to pay for the meals of children who are usually fed for free at school.

Currently families on Universal Credit can only get free school meals for their children if their income is less than £7,400 a year.

Healthy Start vouchers are only available for pregnant mothers - and families with children older than one but younger than four. Families on Universal Credit can only qualify if they earn less than £408 a week. Rashford's campaign earlier this year saw him form the Child Food Poverty Task Force, which brought together 20 charities.

Research from one of them - the Food Foundation - found that 18% of eight to 17-year-olds in the UK - 1.4 million children - were worried about food during the summer holidays.



Six per cent of that age group said they ate less or tried to make food last for longer because of money problems.

Rashford said:

"Let's wrap arms around each other and stand together to say this is unacceptable, that we are united in protecting our children."

A government spokesperson said: "We have taken substantial action to make sure children and families do not go hungry by extending free school meals when schools closed, increasing welfare support by £9.3bn, and giving councils £63 million to provide emergency support to families for food and other essentials.

"We also appreciate it has been a challenging time for families, which is why we have increased the safety net available to them with income protection schemes, mortgage holidays and support for renters.

"We are grateful to Marcus Rashford for his work shining a light on the significant challenges families are facing at this time."

Value

By Sannah and Zara

Phillipa Winter began her role at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust back in 1998, and worked her way up to become chief clinical informatics officer in August 2014 and then chief information officer in July 2016.

There had been a digital strategy in place when Winter got the CIO role, but she looked to refresh it as it was a five to ten year strategy which was no longer fit-for-purpose, considering that technology is advancing so quickly. To combat this, Winter wanted to put in place a two-year approach that could be constantly reviewed.

“We’ve just completed most of that strategy and I’m now rewriting our future strategy because most of the elements of the previous strategy we’ve already delivered, which is great,” she tells NS Tech.

One of the ongoing projects preceding Winter’s time as CIO was an ambition to bring in a new Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system, and under her role as CIO, she managed to get the green light for opting to use Allscripts’ Sunrise Acute Care system. Allscripts had been a supplier to the trust prior to the EPR selection, and this played a part in the decision. The trust did look at some open source solutions, but Winter says that these were very new and immature four or five years ago when the trust first started looking into solutions. Another key reason Sunrise was selected was because Bolton NHS Foundation Trust’s bordering partner hospitals in Salford and Wigan were also using the same product.

“It was really important to look at how we can interoperate with those hospitals, with the future

for the health of our citizens locally and how we can manage those pathways better,” she states.

The organisation went live with the first phase of the EPR, which was for all clinical documentation orders and referrals.

The trust has been able to retain its third-party patient administration system, and is wrapping the Sunrise Acute Care clinical functionality around it. Bolton’s emergency department is now using Sunrise for electronic prescribing and order communications, while its wards are live with e-prescribing, order communications, clinical documentation and Sunrise Mobile.

In regards to return-on-investment (ROI), it’s still too early to tell, as the organisation is just over six months into deployment but the trust has set up a benefits realisation group which is going to be owned and run in the organisation by the operational team.

Winter has also been working with the trust to see if it can implement chatbots to support management of health and wellbeing of certain chronic conditions in the community. These are just some of the areas that Winter and her team have been focusing on, but with the constant reviews of strategy, there’s likely to be a lot more to come – in the meantime, the trust is doing its best support the government guidelines during the pandemic, with more home working, virtual clinics and assessments, and social distancing all being used.



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Belong

By Halimah

Bolton is one of seven towns which has been involved in a scientific pilot study to track the movements of covid-19.

Since March, United Utilities has been helping researchers at Bangor University to study levels of the virus in several north west towns.

United Utilities has been providing the scientists with samples from seven sewage treatment plants in Bolton, Liverpool, Crewe, Lancaster, Barrow, Leigh and Meols, Wirral. And the pilot project was so successful that the technique has now been rolled out by Defra across the UK. Scientists have found that people with coronavirus release remnants of the virus in their faeces. These remnants are not infectious however they can provide a useful and accurate indication of levels of the virus in a community, scientists said.

The results can provide health professionals with a clearer picture of infection rates by identifying where there are high numbers, particularly for asymptomatic carriers and before people start showing symptoms.

This will allow local authorities to take early action to slow the spread of the virus.

Executive cabinet member for environmental services delivery at Bolton Council, Adele Warren, said: "It is a barometer of what is going on in different areas.

"There are a lot of people who have the virus so this helps public health officials. "It is a new virus and we are learning about it all the time.

"Our main aim is to keep as many people as safe as possible." The data will be shared with NHS Test and Trace and inform where new outbreaks may be happening. It means that public health professionals can encourage people to get tested or take extra precautions.

Professor Davey Jones led the Bangor University pilot project and explained that the testing process can play an important role in monitoring how the virus is reducing or spreading.

Prof Jones said: "We have discovered that people excrete remains of the virus as soon as they are infected and often before they show symptoms. "That can give us a two and a half week lead on the statistics produced by hospitals when people are admitted. "In other words, it can act as an early warning system if levels of the virus in society's wastewater start to increase."

Chief scientist at United Utilities, Charmian Abbott, said: "This is a really important scientific study and I'm delighted that we have been able to help out. "While the virus is not infectious after it is excreted, raw sewage of course contains many other bacteria and viruses, so all of the workers and researchers are taking the usual hygiene precautions. "We will continue to work in collaboration with the scientific community and the rest of the water industry as we all play our part to learn more about this new disease."

Free
School
Meals
are changing!



Build

By Bilal

Since the outbreak of coronavirus, we have seen some really positive work in our communities up and down the country. One in particular is the way the town has got together to help feed our towns children over the holidays. The provide free school meals over the holidays campaign which was led by Manchester United's star Marcus Rashford has now got the backing from local councils and businesses.

Scores of councils have pledged to feed disadvantaged children over the school holidays as they joined a wave of public support for a campaign led by the England and Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford.

As a result a number of businesses in Bolton have also helped to support the provide free school meals for children in the holidays.

Amid growing outrage over the government's refusal to extend free school meals in England next week, Conservative-controlled Kensington and Chelsea council and Birmingham city council, the UK's biggest local authority, were among those stepping into the breach.

Official figures from earlier this year showed 1.4 million disadvantaged children were eligible for free school meals in England. That number is estimated to have risen by hundreds of thousands since the coronavirus outbreak, and may now be closer to 2 million.

In the summer, following a campaign by Rashford, who has spoken of benefiting from free school meals when he was growing up in Manchester, the government U-turned and agreed to provide £15-a-week vouchers to ensure children did not go hungry during the holidays.

With schools since reopened, a motion to repeat the move was voted down in the Commons on Wednesday despite the precarious economy and rising unemployment. On Thursday, the chancellor unveiled a multibillion-pound package to support businesses and low-paid workers during the crisis.

With days to go, England will be alone among the UK nations in not extending free school meals support over the half-term holiday. Scotland and Wales have pledged to offer free meals through Christmas and Easter as well.

The Flowhession Foundation are also offering free school meals for children during half term. For further information please call Julie on 01204 275106 (10am - 2pm), Saiqa 07878668147 (2pm - 5pm).