

Staff Briefing



ARE YOU WINTER READY?

Energy Efficiency in the Home information Session

3rd December 2021
10am - 11.30am

For full details [click here](#)



Find answers to your COVID-19 questions [here](#).



Get the latest COVID Daily Update [here](#).



BeST
Belfast Support Team

Can you help support colleagues ?

We are currently looking to recruit Buddies for BeST (The Belfast Support Team) across the Trust from all directorates, divisions and bands. Buddies provide support to staff going through processes such as Coroner's Inquests, SAI Reviews, Complaints, Litigation, and through any emotional stress that can arise from providing healthcare on a daily basis. Please see further information attached above.

Full training will be provided for those who wish to become a Buddy.

If you would be interested in becoming a Buddy, please scan the QR code or complete the form at the link below:

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK.](#)

2021 Christmas Appeal

As with previous years, Belfast Trust is keen to support women and children who have no viable option than to spend this Christmas away from the family home and in a Women's Aid refuge.

Women's Aid say that domestic abuse makes Christmas the most dangerous time for women and children and that domestic abuse has been compounded by the pandemic- often trapped with their abuser during lockdowns, increased familial tension and heart-breaking isolation from the friends and family who could've helped them. Regrettably there is no refuge equivalent for men experiencing abuse in Northern Ireland so the Trust wants to support people who find themselves homeless for a range of issues and staying in the Welcome Organisation.

You can help support this Christmas appeal by donating money [Women's Aid](#) or [Welcome Organisation](#). Or/ send vouchers to Orla Barron, Planning and Equality Lead, First Floor, Admin Building, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast BT8 8BH.

There is a sense of empowerment by allowing the people affected to choose and purchase their own items for Christmas. Alternatively if you would prefer to donate gifts, we will have a number of collection points across the Trust.

Click [HERE](#) for more info. and collection points.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PEOPLE

On Friday 3rd December 2021 Belfast Trust will be marking International Day of Disabled People (IDDP) which is a global event with the overall aim of breaking down barriers to inclusion and advocate for the rights of disabled people.

Our Equality Teams are asking all staff to 'Wear Purple' on the 3rd of December to show your support for and celebrate this World Disability Day. Speaking in Advance Orla Barron Equality Lead for Belfast Trust said:

"Belfast Trust acknowledges the resilience and courage that many disabled people (staff and services users) have displayed throughout the pandemic. We are committed to providing equal access to services for people with a disability and welcome disabled people who are thinking of becoming part of our workforce and /or are currently a member of our staff. We recognise that things have been challenging for disabled people during COVID-19 but hope that by celebrating today it is testimony to our continued commitment to fully engage with disabled people as we try to deliver person centred services during a world health pandemic whilst prioritising need and keeping everyone safe and whilst we build back better. We will continue to work with disabled people and our partners in the community and voluntary sector in recognition of the challenges faced by disabled people during Covid."

