



## **BUST Newsletter March 2008**

### **Have YOUR say on the future of the Frenchay Breast Service**

At the end of 2007, following a campaign by BUST, the NHS stopped the planned transfer of Breast Surgery from Frenchay Hospital to St Michael's Hospital (near the Bristol Royal Infirmary) and has decided to conduct a wider review of the future of all Bristol Breast Services.

This Review is **YOUR** opportunity to have a say in the future of the Frenchay Breast Care Service.

The Bristol Health Services Plan Programme (BHSP) Office is holding a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April about Breast Services (see attached letter). Please reply to Peter Stanley, BHSP Programme Manager, by 25<sup>th</sup> March if you would like to attend.

The NHS consulted the public on the surgery transfer to St Michael's and reported that only six people commented on the plan. If the move had not been stopped, all Frenchay patients requiring surgery would now have to go to St Michael's. **We need your help to make sure that no changes are made in future without clear support from clinicians, patients and the public.**

BUST is a charity that raises money to support the work of the Frenchay Breast Care Centre. We are also a group member of Breakthrough Breast Cancer's Campaigns and Advocacy Network (CAN). Breakthrough is one of the main UK Charities for Breast Cancer and CAN members campaign to maintain and improve local and national Breast Services.

BUST wants to ensure that no changes are made to Frenchay Breast Services unless they meet the following requirements:

- the changes are recommended by the Frenchay clinicians.
- there is clear evidence the changes will benefit Frenchay patients.
- Frenchay patients support the changes.

If you care about the future of the excellent Frenchay Breast Service, we urge you to join us to Support the Frenchay Breast Team - Mr Cawthorn, Mr Sahu, Jane Barker, Lin Willoughby and their colleagues by taking part in the Breast Services Review to **make your views known**.

**Please support BUST by doing one of the following:**

- email us on [busupport@googlemail.com](mailto:busupport@googlemail.com)
- complete the slip below, ticking the boxes, and hand it in at Breast Care Centre Reception, Frenchay Hospital.
- post the completed slip to BUST, the Breast Care Centre, Frenchay Hospital, Frenchay Park Road, Bristol BS16 1LE
- telephone Daphne (BUST Secretary) on 07971 968244.

**I would like to be contacted by a member of BUST to discuss the Bristol Breast Services Review**

**I would like to receive future BUST Newsletters**

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