

## Senior Appointments at BIS Burton Park

Partnerships in Care Brain Injury Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Louise Smith, Hospital Director and Dr Caroline Knight, Lead Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist at the new brain injury service, Burton Park in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Dr Caroline Knight has over twenty years' experience in working with people with neurological conditions including ABI, dementia and

Huntington's disease and has helped to develop nationally acclaimed psychometric assessment tools with Professor Alderman. Louise Smith is a specialist in developing and leading neurobehavioural rehabilitation and challenging behaviour services having developed the first female only neurorehabilitation unit in the country as well as leading a neuropsychiatric service.

Professor Nick Alderman, Director of Clinical Services, PiC Brain Injury Services said: "Louise and Caroline bring a wealth of experience to Burton Park which is the only specialist neurobehavioural rehabilitation service in the area. We are working together to further develop our extensive clinical programmes as well as our vocational and educational facilities. Burton Park is the one stop shop for ABI services in the Midlands".



## John Hardy awarded 2015 Robert A. Pritzker Prize for Leadership in Parkinson's Research

Professor John Hardy has been awarded the 2015 Robert A. Pritzker Prize for his leadership in Parkinson's genetics research. The award was presented by Michael J Fox at a ceremony in New York on April 15.

An expert in Alzheimer's genetic, Hardy, who is a professor at UCL, led a team toward a pathological discovery that revolutionised Parkinson's drug development. Moreover, he is regarded as an influential thought leader in driving the exploration of genetics for a causal role in Parkinson's disease, an area given little merit only 20 years ago.

The Pritzker Prize has been awarded annually since 2011 by MJFF to recognise researchers who make an exceptional contribution to Parkinson's research and exhibit a commitment to mentoring the next generation of Parkinson's scientists. Hardy will receive a \$100,000 grant to advance his research in neurodegenerative diseases.

## Professor Anthony Holland Awarded the CBE

Congratulations to Professor Anthony John Holland who has been awarded a CBE for his services to psychiatry. Professor Holland is the Professor of the Psychiatry of Learning Disabilities and Head of the Cambridge Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Group in the Department of Psychiatry. His main areas of research include the relationship between genetic syndromes and associated psychiatric and behavioural disorders, and clinico-legal studies. He is also Chair in Learning Disabilities at the Health Foundation, Fellow and Vice-President of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability, President of the UK Prader-Willi Association, and President of Cambridge MENCAP.

## Student Essay Awards 2015

We are pleased to announce the launch of three Student Essay Prizes. If you are a student yourself, or have contact with medical students, please take a look at the awards and how to submit an entry. There is a £500 prize in each of the three categories. These are:

1. **Medical Student Essay.** Open to all UK medical school students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and we are looking for an essay on any aspect of Encephalitis. The winner will also be given a one year elective on to our Professional Advisory Panel.
2. **The Professor Barbara Wilson OBE Neuropsychology Student Essay Prize.** This is open to any psychology student at postgraduate level and the essay can be on any aspect of the neuropsychology of Encephalitis. The winner will also be given a one year elective on to our Professional Advisory Panel.
3. **The Johnny Sutton Student Travel Bursary.** Any student in medicine or neuropsychology can apply for this and the bursary will be used to support his/her work relating to Encephalitis.

Full details and information on how to apply are at [www.encephalitis.info/research/grants-and-awards/](http://www.encephalitis.info/research/grants-and-awards/). These prizes are an excellent opportunity for students to advance their learning and development and to make a contribution to understanding of Encephalitis. Thank you for your support – The Encephalitis Society team.