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## Local artists compete to win photography bursary

12 photography students from the South West and Wales have been shortlisted to win a photography bursary with leading local healthcare charity, Nuffield Health Bristol Hospital.

The finalists have been selected from the University of the West of England, Bath Spa University and the University of South Wales, and will compete in a selection day later this month. Six of the lucky finalists will go on to be awarded the bursary and have their work installed in the new state-of-the-art Chesterfield hospital, due to open in Clifton Village this October.

The successful artists will receive professional mentoring from curators experienced in producing art for a healthcare context and their finished work will play an important role in creating a positive and calming environment for Nuffield Health patients.

Ashley Livesey, Hospital Director at Nuffield Health, said: “We’re delighted to be working with local, early-career artists to create the photographic artwork for our new Chesterfield Hospital. The pictures will be hung in key locations around the building to create a supportive atmosphere and help our patients feel relaxed and at ease.”

The finalists in the Nuffield Health Bristol Hospital Photography Bursary are:

- Luke Archer, Tracy Packer and Ibolya Feher from UWE
- Denise Myers, Harriet Argyle and Michael Fitzsimmons from University of South Wales (Newport)
- Elaine Snow, Hazel Guppy and Michael Vaughan Owen from University of South Wales (Glamorgan)
- Amy Scott, Lucy McLeod, Simon Collington & Stephanie-Jane Fogg from Bath Spa University

The Nuffield Health Bristol Hospital Photography Bursary is funded by Nuffield Health with in-kind support from the bursary partners, including Ffotogallery and the participating universities. It has been developed and will be managed for Nuffield Health by arts consultants Willis Newson ([www.willisnewson.co.uk](http://www.willisnewson.co.uk)).

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2. Nuffield Health in Bristol is currently investing £20 million in the redevelopment of its Chesterfield Hospital site in Clifton. Due for completion in 2013 the project will create a state-of-the-art new medical facility for Bristol
3. Nuffield Health provides expert, joined-up healthcare defined by and created for UK health consumers. We are the largest healthcare charity in the UK, providing health services for over 50 years. We are independent of Government, have no shareholders and reinvest our surplus to improve our facilities or provide public health education. We provide access to 15,000 health experts through our 31 hospitals, 65 fitness & wellbeing centres, 200 corporate facilities and 20 medical clinics to help people get healthy, and stay healthy. Nuffield Health is an award-winning not-for-profit organisation, winning Health Investor Social Enterprise of the Year in 2010 and Private Hospital Group of the Year in 2011.

We carry 1,500 treatments across our 31 hospitals, treating almost half a million patients every year. Clinical excellence drives all that we do and we are proud to have NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) Level 3 - the only UK private hospital group to hold it. As a charity we are keen to improve the health of the UK population so each year we treat around 100,000 NHS patients free at the point of delivery in our hospitals and train more than 6,000 NHS GPs with their accreditation requirements for revalidation.