



Derbyshire Healthcare **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

MEMBERS' NEWS

Nominations for governor elections are now open!

Nominations are now open in the following constituencies:

- [Chesterfield South](#)
- [Derby City East](#)
- [Erewash South](#)

We need members of the public who are motivated, enthusiastic and willing to engage with their local community. It is important to us as an NHS Foundation Trust to get a wide range of people from different age groups, genders, ethnicities and backgrounds to best represent the people within their constituency.

To be eligible to become a governor you must:

- be a member of the constituency you wish to stand for
- be 16 or over.

Nominations are open until 20 April, with elections taking place in May.

If you would like to nominate yourself for one of our vacant governor posts, please request a nomination form from:

John Box
Project Manager
Electoral Reform Services
john.box@electoralreform.co.uk
Tel: **020 8829 8453**

Or visit <https://dna.electoralreform.co.uk/DerbyshireHealthcare/registration> to fill out a form online.

For further information please email membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk or call **01332 623723**.

Timescales

The elections to these vacant governor posts will open from 1 April 2015, with the declaration of results due on 2 June, as outlined below:

Election stages and dates

Notice of election/nomination open: Wednesday 1 April 2015

Nominations deadline: Monday 20 April 2015

Summary of valid nominated candidates published: Tuesday 21 April 2015

Final date for candidate withdrawal: Thursday 23 April 2015

Notice of poll published: Friday 8 May 2015

Voting packs despatched: Monday 11 May 2015

Close of election: Monday 1 June 2015

Declaration of results: Tuesday 2 June 2015

Voting

We have recently introduced online voting, so if you have given us a valid email address you will receive your voting instructions via email. Please look out for this email from 11 May 2015, as your vote is very important to us.

Community Events

We are also holding a community meeting in each area for members, where you can find out more information about the Trust and the role of being a governor. The next event will take place as follows:

16 April, from 5pm – 7pm: Richard Morrow – Mindfulness presentation and Q&A at Springwood Leisure Centre, Springwood Drive, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2RQ



Transformation update

A new neighbourhood structure

From 1 April many of our services started to operate within eight neighbourhoods. These neighbourhoods have been designed by studying the numbers of people registered with GP surgeries, alongside the ways our communities operate and the wider establishment of geographical communities.

Across our smaller teams, it won't be possible to have a member of staff permanently based within each neighbourhood. They will be working peripatetically across all eight neighbourhoods – in other words, they will be 'pan neighbourhood'. These include teams like the perinatal community service and our eating disorders service.

Other teams are currently being classified as 'pan neighbourhood' because we recognise that more work needs to be done to prepare them for neighbourhood working. We will be working closely with teams such as learning disabilities services, early intervention services and the CBT/psychodynamic psychotherapy teams to make sure they are 'neighbourhood ready' by next year.



Our children's and substance misuse services haven't been part of this process to date because of previous indications from our commissioners that they wanted to put these services out to tender. However, we will work to ensure these services are part of the neighbourhood model in the future.

Our commitment

The Trust is committed to working collectively with its partners to ensure we share our plans, and support each other in any potential changes – thereby creating more joined-up care approaches with fewer transfers of care or gaps in services for our patients.

Calling all members!

We are looking for enthusiastic Trust members who have a passion for their local community to work with us as Membership Champions.

As a voluntary Membership Champion you will help us to recruit new members and engage with existing ones, closely linked with the community in which you live.

You may have an interest in mental health, learning disabilities or children's health. Or you may want to learn more about the Trust and how it serves the local population.

You will work closely with members of the Communications and Involvement team and with Trust governors, and be invited to attend membership planning meetings.

We would like our Membership Champions to help us discover what our members really want out of their Trust membership and assist us in providing it.

For more information or to express an interest, please contact the Membership team on **01332 623723** or email membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk.

- Training and full support available
- Voluntary role but travel expenses will be reimbursed
- No set hours – as much or as little time as you wish to give
- Currently limited spaces available
- Open to all members throughout the county.

Next Council of Governors' meetings

Every three months, Trust governors meet the executive team to discuss issues and give feedback from their constituents. These meetings are open to the public – if you would like to attend and have any special requirements, please contact the membership team on **01332 623723** or email membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk.

All meetings are held in Conference Rooms A and B at the Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ.

2015 meeting dates:

Tuesday 16 June 2015, 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday 8 September 2015, 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday 8 December 2015, 1pm - 4pm



Get to know your governor

Contacting your local governor is a key way to get involved in our work and ensure that we provide the best possible care and treatment. You can contact your local governor by emailing governors@derbyshcft.nhs.uk (please say where you live, so we can forward on your message to the appropriate governor) or calling the Membership team on **01332 623723**.

And finally.....

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