



MEMBERS' NEWS

Derbyshire Healthcare governor elections are now open – please use you vote!

We currently have elections open (8 May – 1 June) for the following constituencies:

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

Those members living in the above constituencies will be eligible to vote. Please look out for your voting forms. Members who have provided their email addresses will receive their voting instructions via email from the Electoral Reform Services.

The Council of Governors performs an important role. It is responsible for representing the interests of the Trust's members, in how the Trust is governed, so please use your vote to decide who you would like to represent you on the Council.

All votes should be received no later than noon on Monday 1 June.

Should you wish to contact your governor, to express your views or give feedback, please email governors@derbyshcft.nhs.uk or call 01332 623723.

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.



Annual Members' Meeting – date for your diary!!

Derbyshire Healthcare's Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 September, from 4pm, at Chesterfield Football Club, Proact Stadium, 1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield S41 8NZ.

Hear from service users, staff and partners, who will deliver their views on how the Trust values people.

Refreshments, including a buffet, will be provided. Members will also have the opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors and our governors.

Please note that this date has changed from the advertised date in the January 2015 edition of Connections magazine.

Members' survey

We recently asked our members to take part in survey asking what you would to see 'Membership Week' offer. Apologies to those who were unable to access the survey. The below link is now live and working:

[Members' Week survey](#)

Our first Membership Week will take place from Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October. During the week we aim to engage with our members using various tools such as Q&A sessions, talks from service users and Twitter chats.

To offer your ideas on what you like from the week, please take part in the short survey.

Rest assured! Your confidentiality is safe when using Derbyshire Healthcare's mental health and community services

For the third consecutive year Derbyshire Healthcare has been announced as the best mental health and community trust in England for the way it stores confidential information about its patients.

The Trust has topped the national charts for ensuring that confidential information, such as patient records, is stored and managed safely, by achieving 96% compliance and an initial grading of satisfactory (the highest grading available).



[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Upcoming Awareness Weeks

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place 11-17 May to help raise awareness of mental health and tackle stigma associated to certain conditions. The theme for the week is Mindfulness. To find out more and see a list of useful resources including mindfulness posters and leaflets, please [click here](#).

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Week also takes place 11-17 May. Now in its fourth year Equality, Diversity and Human Rights week has become a key date in the diary for NHS organisations across England. Organisations use the week to showcase the work of their staff and local communities, who are committed to creating a fairer and more diverse NHS for everyone. For further information please [click here](#).

Dementia Awareness Week takes place 18-24 May. As part of the week the Trust staff will be hosting a relaxed and information Q&A sessions, which is open to those who have been recently diagnosed with the condition and their carers, to speak offer advice about how to live well with dementia. Full details of the event can be found on our Facebook page or by [clicking here](#). For further information on Dementia Awareness Week please [click here](#).

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.

2015 meeting dates:

Tuesday 16 June 2015, 1pm - 4pm (Conference Rooms A&B at the Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ).

Tuesday 8 September 2015, 1pm - 4pm (The Post Mill Centre, Market Street, South Normanton, Alfreton, DE55 2EJ).

Tuesday 8 December 2015, 1pm - 4pm (Conference Rooms A&B at the Centre for Research & Development, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ).

And finally.....

A tree-mendous thank you to our members! Trust plants 26 trees after 260 Trust members go paper-free

Last year we ran a campaign asking for members to convert from paper communication to email. Thank you to all those members who provided their email addresses.

For every 10 members who changed to email

communication, NHS Forest provided the Trust with one tree to plant.

Over the last year, 262 members have converted from postal communication which is helping the Trust to reduce its carbon footprint and save print and postage costs which can then be reinvested into patient care.

The trees were planted, by three of our public governors, in March to coincide with NHS Sustainability Day.



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