

What's it like to be a Governor?

Anna Usherwood, Lead Governor and Vice Chair

"I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of our service users, members and staff at various events throughout my term in office. Service users and their carers generally speak very highly of the service they receive but it is good to be able to give them support when they have any concerns."

Ann McGrath, Public Governor – Cheshire West and Chester

"The NHS 'maze' was difficult to understand, when I was first appointed. Since that time, CWP staff have worked hard to involve Governors by holding seminars to explain issues, for example the Francis Report. I have enjoyed working with other Governors, meeting the public, and front line staff, at events and also at the Annual Members Meeting (AMM). My time as Service User/Carer Governor ends at the AMM 2014 and I would recommend any member of the Trust to consider putting themselves forward as a Governor."

Brian Crouch, Service User and Carer Governor

"I have recently joined CWP as a Carer Governor and I'm thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to contribute to the success of the Trust. Coming from a commercial background it is taking me some time to get to grips with the workings of the NHS but the trust staff have been very supportive and I'm looking forward the challenges ahead!"

For more information

If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Governor please contact the Corporate Affairs Team on tel. 01244 3973143 or email governor@cwps.nhs.uk

You can request a nominations form from Idox from 6th July 2015 by contacting The Returning Officer on 028 7137 1111, or by email to: nhsft@idoxgroup.com

For more information about the Trust visit: www.cwp.nhs.uk

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Make a difference... Become a Governor

Nominations open: 6th July 2015
and close: 22nd July 2015



Vacancies

- X1 Public Wirral- 2015 – 2018 (3 year term)
- X1 Public – out of area - Until 2017 (remaining term)
- X3 Service Users Carer - 2015 – 2018 (3 year term)
- X1 Staff – Nursing - 2015 – 2018 (3 year term)
- X1 Staff – Medical – Until 2017 (remaining term)
- X1 Staff – Therapies – Until 2016 (remaining term)

What does being a Governor involve?

Governors must:

Provide an independent viewpoint to the Board of Directors on performance, planning and any changes to service delivery.

Support with shaping the Trust strategic plans.

Be responsible for the appointment and remuneration of the Chairman and Non – Executive Directors of the Trust.

Keep in touch with their members on current Trust issues and represent their interests.

What skills and experiences are needed?

No specific qualifications are required to be a Governor; however, commitment to the role and a desire to make a difference is key.

Having a strong interest in healthcare and a commitment to the NHS, an ability to understand and interpret sometimes complex information and some experience of committees or large meetings will all help, but ongoing training and support will be provided. You will need to have been a member of the Trust for 12 months before you are eligible to become a Governor.

How often do Governors meet?

The full Council of Governors meets five times a year.

Alongside this Governors will be expected to attend some training events, so that they are up to date with what is happening in the NHS, and can learn more about their role.

There are also sub-committees and working groups that Governors can get involved with. The number of meetings as a Governor will vary depending on how involved you choose to become.

What kind of person are we looking for?

Competence

Bring lived experience, knowledge and skills

Courage

Working together to be the best we can be

Commitment

Taking responsibility for your NHS
(3 year tenure)

Communication

Link between members and CWP

Care

Wanting to make a difference to people's lives

Compassion

Empathy with service users and carers:
shared