

- The great thing about being a governor is that not only do you bring your own expertise and experience to the role, but the Trust also provides you with the opportunity to develop your skills
- You can choose your areas of interest and sit on subcommittee(s) that suit your particular area of focus
- You will be a 'critical friend'—if you have the curiosity and confidence to ask questions and to communicate with people across the organisation, then you are just who we need!

## Our values



- **P**utting patients first
- **R**esponsive to patients and staff
- **O**pen and honest
- **U**nfailingly kind
- **D**etermined to develop

## How do I stand for election?

To nominate yourself for election you need to be a Foundation Trust member. If you are not a member, register at [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/getinvolved](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/getinvolved) or pick up a form at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital or West Middlesex University Hospital.

Your nomination form must be received by 5pm on Friday 8 October 2021—for full details please see [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/elections](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/elections).

For further information about the elections please visit [www.chelwest.nhs.uk/getinvolved](http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/getinvolved), email [chelwest.members@nhs.net](mailto:chelwest.members@nhs.net) or call **020 3315 6716**.

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# Join us

## Governors' elections autumn 2021

Be the elected voices of the Trust's patient, public and staff member—nominate yourself today!



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**Chelsea and Westminster Hospital**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Become a governor

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust belongs to all who use our services and who rely on us to be there when they need the care and expertise of our team.

Governors are the voice of the public, patients and staff and the Council of Governors directly links our Trust Board to our communities.

We are committed to establishing a truly representative membership and welcome members and governors regardless of race, religious belief, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, age, social or economic status, or national origin.

You can help make a difference to the future of our Trust—this leaflet contains information on how to nominate yourself to stand for election as a governor. The deadline for nominations is 5pm on Friday 8 October 2021.

## Contact information

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## What will I do as a governor ?

- Attend the Council of Governors (which meets at least four times a year)
- Attend the annual members' meeting and other meetings required by the Council of Governors
- Be the voice of patients, their families, staff and the wider public
- Attend Trust events including Annual Members' Meeting, Open Days and 'Meet a Governor' sessions
- Support Council of Governor initiatives like subcommittees
- Attend required training events (normally once or twice a year)
- Abide by the Council of Governors Code of Conduct

## What does the Council of Governors do?

- Represents members' views to the Board and helps attract new members
- Works with the Trust Board of Directors to produce plans for the future
- Holds the non-executive directors to account
- Ensures the Trust acts in accordance with its identified aims and fulfils the requirements of NHS Improvement
- Acts in an advisory capacity to contribute to the strategic direction of the Trust
- Appoints or removes the chairman, non-executive directors and the Trust's external auditor
- Agrees the levels of pay for non-executive directors (including the chairman)
- Approves the appointment of the chief executive
- Receives the Trust's annual accounts, auditors' reports and annual reports

## Why should I do it?

- You can help us bring about real benefits for patients by improving healthcare in your local community
- Meet fellow members and represent their interests
- Influence who is on the Board of Directors

## What skills and abilities do I need?

- There is no single answer/no specific qualifications
- Enthusiasm and the willingness to get involved in improving health services is most important

(continued overleaf)