

- 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 choose your areas of interest and sit on committees 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



- **Putting patients first**
- **Responsive to, and supportive of, patients and staff**
- **Open, welcoming and honest**
- **Unfailingly kind, treating everyone with respect, compassion and dignity**
- **Determined to develop our skills and continuously improve the quality of care**

How do I stand for election?

To nominate yourself for election you need to be a registered member of the Foundation Trust. You can either register via our website or pick up a form at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital or West Middlesex University Hospital.

The election is on Friday 24 November 2017, so if you want to stand you'll need to register by 5pm on Tuesday 17 October 2017.

Visit www.chelwest.nhs.uk/getinvolved, email vida.djelic@chelwest.nhs.uk or call 020 3315 6716 for more information.

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Join us

Governors' elections in
November—nominate
yourself today



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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 the Board of the Trust to our communities.

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 Thursday 17 October 2017.

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What will I do as a governor ?

- Join in the Council of Governors (meeting five times a year)
- Attend the annual general meeting and other meetings identified by the Council of Governors
- Be the voice of patients, families and staff
- Come to Trust events like Open Days and 'Meet a Governor'
- Support Council of Governor initiatives like committees
- Attend any training events (normally once or twice a year)
- Abide by the Code of Conduct

What does the Council of Governors do?

- Represents members' views and attracts new members
- Works with the Trust board of directors to produce plans for the future
- 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 copies of the Trust's annual accounts, auditor's reports and annual reports
- Holds the non-executive directors to account
- Ensures the Trust acts in accordance with our identified aims and fulfils the requirements of NHS Improvement
- Acts in an advisory capacity to contribute to the strategic direction of the Trust

Why should I do it?

- You can help us bring about real benefits for patients by improving healthcare in your local community
- The Trust needs a Council of Governors

What skills and abilities do I need?

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

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