

I want to be a Governor - what do I need to do?

Our election process is managed by Electoral Reform Services (ERS) on our behalf. This is to make sure that our elections are managed impartially and fairly and that the process is independent and transparent.

To be a Governor you'll need to fill out a nomination form. You can get a form (including an Easy Read version) in the following ways:

By phone 020 8889 9203
By email FTNomination.Enquiries@electoralreform.co.uk
By text Text 2FT SW and your name and address to 88802
By post Electoral Reform Services Limited, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW
Online: www.ersvotes.com/swyp2019

If you need any help completing your form, please call Ciara Norris on 020 8365 8909.

What happens next?

All nominations to stand for election must be received by ERS by 5pm on **Friday 1 March 2019**. Members will then be able to vote for who they would like to be their governor. Ballot papers will be sent to qualifying members, who can vote by post or online, on Monday 25 March 2019.

Voting closes on Thursday 18 April 2019. If successful you'll take up your place on Wednesday 1 May 2019 and the first Members' Council meeting that you will be invited to attend will be held on Friday 3 May 2019.



Election to our Members' Council

Dear member

Would you like to make a real difference to our Trust?

We will shortly be holding elections to our Members' Council and we are seeking enthusiastic Trust members with a passion for healthcare to stand for election. Governors are really important to our Trust. They contribute their views and ideas for our future plans and priorities as well as holding our Board to account for the performance of the Trust. Being a Governor is a great way to engage with your local community and learn more about health services in your area.

In this leaflet, you can find out more about the role of a Governor and what to do if you want to stand for election.

Whether you decide to stand for election or not, I hope that, when the time comes, you will use your vote in the election to ensure we have the best possible representation on our Members' Council.

Best wishes,



Angela Monaghan
Chair

About us

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides community, mental health and learning disability services to the people of Barnsley, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield. We also provide medium and low secure services to the whole of Yorkshire and the Humber.

Over 1 million people live in our area from a range of diverse backgrounds and our mission is to help people reach their potential and live well in their community.

To provide the flexible, individually tailored care that local people have told us they want, we work from a variety of sites as well as with people in their own homes. We work in partnership with other local NHS organisations, local authorities (social care) and voluntary organisations.

Working in partnership is very important to us and is vital if we are to continue delivering high quality services for local people. It also means working with people who use our services, carers, and our members who can have a say in how we run the Trust and how they wish our services to be developed. Over 9,000 local people have joined us as public members and our staff are members too.

Become a governor of our Trust

If you're passionate about the healthcare of your local community, it's only right that you get to have a say on how it's provided. That's why we're inviting you to be the voice of your area by standing for election to our Members' Council. As a Governor on our Members' Council, you will:

- Make sure we're working in line with our mission and values, and support the principles and values of the NHS as a whole
- Hold Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of our Trust Board
- Influence our plans for the future
- Talk to our members and share with us what they tell you
- Choose who our Chair and Non-Executive Directors should be
- Choose who our auditors should be

Who can be a Governor?

You can be a Governor if:

- You are a member of the Trust in the constituency where you live
- Are aged 16 or over
- You make a commitment to fulfil your duties if you're elected

Who can't be a Governor?

Some people are not allowed to be Governors, for example if you have been declared bankrupt or received a prison sentence of three months or more. There are other restrictions – read the full details on our election website.

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Vacancies

We have Governor vacancies in the following constituencies:

Public Barnsley

1 seat

Calderdale

2 seats

Kirklees

4 seats

Wakefield

1 seat

Staff

Nursing support

1 seat

Social care staff working in integrated teams

1 seat