



Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys

NHS Foundation Trust



# Becoming a Trust Governor

## What is a governor?

Our governors have an important role to play. They're an ambassador for our trust and responsible for representing the interests of the Trust's members, the public and partner organisations. They also help us to continuously improve the quality of our services and provide high standards of care.

In our Trust we've a range of public, staff and appointed governors.

### Public governors

Our public governors are usually elected for an initial three-year term and are appointed to represent specific constituencies across our Trust area (e.g. Middlesbrough, Durham, North Yorkshire etc).

### Staff governors

Staff membership is open to staff who are on a permanent or temporary contract for at least 12 months. There are three staff governor areas: Corporate Directorates, Durham, Tees Valley and Forensics Care Group and North Yorkshire, York and Selby Care Group.

### Appointed governors

We've also appointed governors from stakeholder organisations such as local authorities and educational establishments.



## Duties

Our governors perform a range of statutory and non-statutory duties. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors of the trust
- To determine the remuneration of the Chair and non-executive directors
- The appointment of the trust's auditor
- To approve or not approve the appointment of the trust's chief executive
- To receive the annual report and accounts and auditor's report at a general meeting
- To hold the non-executive directors to account for the performance of the board
- To represent the interests of members and the public
- To approve or not approve increases to non-NHS income of more than 5% of total income
- To approve or not approve acquisitions, mergers, separations and dissolutions
- To jointly approve changes to the trust's constitution with the board
- To express a view on the board's plans for the trust
- To consider a report from the board of directors each year on the use of income from the provision of goods and services from sources other than the NHS in England.
- Attend a minimum of two Council of Governors' meetings per year, the Annual General Members meeting (AGM) and other optional meetings
- Complete statutory, mandatory training and development sessions to support them in the delivery of their role

## What governors don't do

Governors aren't responsible for the operational decisions or the managing of staff. They can't represent their own interests, nor can they deal with complaints or act as an advocate for people.

## Time commitments

The amount of time spent on governor related activities will vary depending on their personal circumstances.

In addition to statutory duties, our governors also get involved in local events, open days, ward and department visits and much more.

## Payment

Governor roles are voluntary, but travel expenses and other reasonable expenses can be reimbursed with prior agreement.

## Who can become a governor?

You don't need any special qualifications or skills to be a governor. You can stand for election as a public governor to the Council of Governors if you're a member of our Trust and are at least 16 years old. However, you can only stand for election by the constituency in which you're a member.



## What do I gain from being a governor?

There are many great things to gain from becoming a Trust governor. You'll get to:

- Meet new people and develop new friendships
- Learn new skills
- Learn and understand more about NHS services and health and wellbeing
- Help to make our Trust better by providing important input and feedback from local people

## Our commitment to you

We'll make sure you have all the information, advice and support to do your role well. This includes access to a governor development programme and other relevant training. The Corporate Affairs team also provides advice, guidance and support as needed.

## Governor elections

The Trust holds annual governor elections. Details are shared with Trust members and on our website and communication channels. Anyone interested in nominating themselves will be asked to submit a short statement declaring why they wish to be a governor. Members will then have the chance to vote for candidates.

## Become a Trust member

To become a governor you must be a Trust member.

Public membership is open to anyone over the age of 14 who lives in England and is free.

As a Trust member you'll be involved in helping to shape our future direction, have the opportunity to stand as a governor, vote in the governor elections and can be appointed as a non-executive director. You'll also receive invites to members' meetings.

To apply to become a member of our Trust visit [www.tevv.nhs.uk/get-involved/membership/apply/](http://www.tevv.nhs.uk/get-involved/membership/apply/)

An application form can also be requested from the Company Secretary's Department by emailing them at [tevv.ftmembership@nhs.net](mailto:tevv.ftmembership@nhs.net) or calling tel: [01325 552068](tel:01325552068).

## Darlington and Tees Valley public governors

**Darlington**



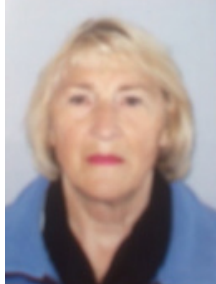
**Joan Kirkbride**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023

**Redcar &  
Cleveland**



**vacant  
position**

**Hartlepool**



**Zoe Sherry**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023

**Stockton  
-on-Tees**



**vacant  
position**

**Hartlepool**



**Jean Rayment**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022

**Stockton  
-on-Tees**



**Gary Emerson**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023

**Middlesbrough**



**Mary Booth**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023

**Stockton  
-on-Tees**



**Gillian Restall**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023

**Middlesbrough**



**Alicia Painter**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022

## Durham public governors



**Jacqui McNulty**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2024



**Jill Wardle**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023



**Pamela Coombs**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023



**Graham Robinson**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022



**Joan Aynsley**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023



**Vacant  
position**



**David Coombs**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2024

## North Yorkshire public governors



**Gemma Birchwood**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022



**John Green**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022



**Hazel Griffiths**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2022



**Judith Webster**  
Public Governor  
01/07/2023



**vacant position**

## City of York and Rest of England



**vacant position**



**vacant position**



**vacant position**

## Staff governors

**Durham, Tees Valley & Forensics Care Group**



**Ashley Douglas**  
01/07/2024



**Heather Leeming**  
01/07/2023



**Karl Evenden-Prest**  
01/07/2024

**North Yorkshire, York & Selby Care Group**



**vacant position**

**Corporate directorate**



**Cheryl Ing**  
01/07/2023

## Appointed governors

### Darlington



**Mr Kevin Kelly**  
Darlington  
Borough  
Council  
13/08/2015

### Durham



**Mr Lee Alexander**  
Durham County  
Council  
03/01/2017

### Hartlepool



**Cllr Moss Boddy**  
Hartlepool  
Borough  
Council  
07/11/2022

### Redcar & Cleveland



**Cllr Lisa Robson**  
Redcar &  
Cleveland  
Council  
02/08/2023

### Stockton -on-Tees



**Cllr Pauline Beall**  
Stockton  
Borough  
Council  
04/04/2024

### North Yorkshire



**Cllr Roberta Swiers**  
North Yorkshire  
County Council  
21/03/2023

### York



**Cllr Claire Douglas**  
North Yorkshire  
County Council  
21/03/2023

### Middlesbrough



**vacant position**

## Appointed governors



**Rob Allison**  
University of  
York  
01/04/2022



**Catherine  
Lee-Cowan**  
Sunderland  
University  
27/10/2022



**Newcastle  
University  
vacant  
position**



**Teesside  
University  
vacant  
position**



**Voluntary  
sector  
Co Durham &  
Tees Valley  
vacant  
position**



**Voluntary  
sector  
North Yorkshire  
& York  
vacant  
position**