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Dear Member

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GOVERNOR AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE?

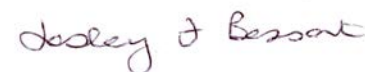
As a member of the Trust we would like to offer you an exciting opportunity to put yourself forward to be elected as a Public Governor and become a member of our Council of Governors.

There are currently a total of 19 Public Governor vacancies in the following constituencies for which an election process is being held in line with the Trust's Constitution.

County Durham constituency	5 vacancies
Darlington constituency	2 vacancies
Hambleton and Richmondshire constituency	2 vacancies
Hartlepool constituency	1 vacancy
Middlesbrough constituency	1 vacancy
Redcar constituency	1 vacancy
Rest of England constituency	1 vacancy
Scarborough and Ryedale constituency	2 vacancies
Selby constituency	2 vacancies
Stockton on Tees constituency	2 vacancies

This leaflet tells you more about the role of a Governor and what to do if you would like to stand for election.

Yours sincerely



Lesley Bessant
Chairman

making a

difference

together

Want more information?

If you would like more information about being a Governor, or to speak to an existing Governor, we will be holding the following drop-in sessions which you are very welcome to come along to one of the drop in sessions below:

24/4/17	University Hospital Hartlepool, Holdforth Road, TS24 9AH	10.00 - 12.00
24/4/17	Peterlee Library, Burnhope Way, Peterlee, SR8 1NT	10.15 - 11.45
24/4/17	Freemans Quay, Walkergate, Durham, DH1 1SW	2.00 - 3.30
25/4/17	University Hospital North Tees, Hardwick Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 8PE	1.00 - 3.00
26/4/17	Redcar Primary Care Hospital, West Dyke Road, TS10 4NW	10.00 - 12.00
27/4/17	Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5RP	11.00 - 1.00
28/4/17	Library, Vernon Road, Scarborough, YO11 2NN	10.30 - 12.00
28/4/17	Louisa Centre, Front St, Stanley DH9 0TE	10.00 - 11.30
2/5/17	Roseberry Park Hospital, Marton Road, Middlesbrough, TS4 3AF	1.00 - 3.00
4/5/17	Library, Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PT	10.00 - 12.00
4/5/17	Selby War Memorial Hospital, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9BX	10.00 - 12.00

The election timetable

	Dates
Notice of Election and Nomination forms made available to members from	26 April 2017
Deadline for submission of nominations	12 May 2017 (by 5.00pm)
Notice of Poll	1 June 2017
Closing date for receipt of ballot papers (Election Day)	22 June 2017 (by 5.00pm)

The election is being run by Electoral Reform Services on behalf of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust which is an independent body and is very experienced in running democratic elections. The election will be held through a secret postal and electronic ballot and the results of the election will be available on 29 June 2017.

The Council of Governors

The Council of Governors is made up of 54 elected and non-elected Governors who represent the interests of the public, staff and a range of stakeholder organisations.

This election is to appoint 19 Public Governors in a number of constituency areas due to the tenures of current Governors coming to an end. Governors must be members of the foundation trust and reside in the constituency they wish to represent.

The term of office will end on 30 June 2020 for all vacancies with the exception of 2 seats for Rest of England which will be up to 30 June 2018 and Durham which will be up to 30 June 2019. Governors do not receive payment for undertaking this role, however the Trust will provide reasonable assistance costs, for instance to cover travel, childcare or other carer expenses.



What we need from you.

The Council of Governors meet a minimum of five times per year with Governors required to attend at least two of these meetings.

There are many opportunities for Governors to become involved in a wide range of work that can make a real difference to the care of our patients and the support provided to families and carers. However, the choice to be involved in these is yours as it is acknowledged that availability of Governors to participate will vary given personal circumstances.

What do Governors do?

As a member of the Council of Governors you make sure that our Board of Directors are doing their job well. They also:

- Choose who the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors should be and how much they get paid
- Talk to local members about the work of the trust
- Share with the trust what members tell them
- Help plan the future work of the trust
- Help us recruit more members
- Choose the organisation who should audit the work of the trust

Who can be a Governor?

Any member of the trust can put themselves forward to be a Governor as long as you are over 16 years of age and live in the area you are looking to represent. You do not need to have experience of our services just someone who has an interest in the work that we do. There are a few limitations such as a serious criminal record or bankruptcy.

What support is there?

A lot of support and training is available to all Governors and there is always someone on hand to help and provide advice.

Expenses are paid at 45p per mile for own car use and if you have difficulty with transport there are alternatives that we can offer you help you conduct your Governor role.

I want to apply – What do I do?

You will need to fill out a nomination form which can be obtained by the following ways:

Online: www.ersvotes.com/tewv17

Telephone: 0208 889 9203

Email: FTNomination.Enquiries@electoralreform.co.uk

Text: Text 2FT TE and your name and address to 88802

Post: Electoral Reform Services Limited, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW