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## Contact us

You can contact Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in any of the following ways:

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 **membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk**

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## What do governors do?

Governors have a very important role and undertake a range of functions through committees, engagement groups and quality visits. Some of these responsibilities include:

- Representing the interests and views of the Trust membership
- Acting as an advisor to the Trust
- Holding the Board of Directors to account
- Providing an important link to the communities that the Trust serves
- Ensuring that the Trust operates in a way that fits with its purpose and authorisation
- Acting as an ambassador for the Trust and championing anti-stigma campaigns associated with mental health issues.

### If you are interested in standing to become a governor...

Firstly you must be a member of Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and be over the age of 16. A governor information pack is available from the Communications & Involvement Office, please contact us using the details overleaf.

## Membership application form

You can become a member of Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust by completing the below application form. Please post the completed form to the below freepost address:

**Freepost RRGK-SRZC-JZAB, Communications & Involvement Office, 1st Floor, Ashbourne Centre, Kingsway Site, Derby DE22 3LZ**

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** *(please circle)* Male Female  
Other Prefer not to say

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred method of contact:** *(please circle)*

Email Post

**Service interests:** *(please circle)*

Children's services	Drug and alcohol services	Eating disorders services
Mental health services	Learning disabilities services	Elderly care including dementia

You can be assured that we take the Data Protection Act 1998 very seriously and will never share these details with any third parties. We are requesting these personal details in order to ensure that our membership is representative of the communities we serve.



## What are Foundation Trusts?

Being an NHS Foundation Trust (FT) means that control is put into the hands of staff, patients, service users, carers, partner organisations and the public who all have the opportunity to become members, and thereby influence decisions made by the Trust.

The FT provides free healthcare services to its local communities based on their needs. We are regularly inspected to ensure that our services are consistently meeting the same standards of service and care as all NHS Trusts across the country.

## Why do Foundation Trusts have members?

By becoming a member, whether you are a member of the public, a service user, a carer, work for a partner organisation or a member of our staff, you are able to have more say in how local services are organised in order to achieve the best possible quality of care.

Membership numbers are increasing all the time, strengthening the links between healthcare services and the local community. Membership is voluntary and free of charge and obligation. Members are able to give their views on relevant issues for governors to act on.

## Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

We provide a range of services to the people of Derby and Derbyshire. This includes services for children and their families, support for mental health and emotional wellbeing, alongside a range of specialist services including learning disabilities, drug and alcohol support and eating disorders services. We provide most of our care in the community, but also deliver hospital based care for those who need more intensive or crisis support.

### As a member you will:

- Receive a membership newsletter that keeps you informed about the Trust's latest news
- Receive invitations to events and meetings
- Be able to tell us what you think about our services and how they could be improved
- Be able to influence plans for the future development of the Trust and its services
- Be able to vote in elections to the Council of Governors
- Be able to stand for election to the Council of Governors
- Be involved at looking at strategies to improve membership and engagement
- Contribute to the Trust's strategic direction
- Be eligible to receive NHS discounts including discounts off holidays, insurance and at local restaurants and shops.

“We aim to improve the health and wellbeing of all the communities we serve.”

## Who can become a member?

Anyone over the age of 16 years is welcome to become a member. It is free to join, you do not need any special qualifications as long as you live within Derbyshire and the surrounding electoral areas.

## How to become a member?

If you are interested in becoming a member, or want to know more, please complete the application form enclosed in this leaflet and post it to our freepost address. Alternatively, email us your name, address and contact details to [membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk](mailto:membership@derbyshcft.nhs.uk) or call 01332 623723. You can also sign up online by visiting: [www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/members](http://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/members)

## What can members do?

- Get a better understanding of healthcare services in Derbyshire
- Help reduce stigma and discrimination
- Represent the needs of their local community by becoming a governor of the Trust
- Work with the Trust to shape the delivery of NHS services across Derbyshire
- Become a volunteer within local NHS services.

### Relationship with the Trust: *(please circle)*

Carer	Service user	Former service user
Volunteer	Student	Other

### Ethnicity: *(please circle)*

White British	White Irish	White Gypsy or Irish Traveller
White other	Black African	Black Caribbean
Black other	Asian Bangladeshi	Asian Indian
Asian Pakistani	Asian Chinese	Asian other
Mixed white and Asian	Mixed white and black African	Mixed white and black Caribbean
Mixed other	Prefer not to say	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Faith: *(please circle)*

Buddhism	Christian	Hindu
Jewish	Muslim	Sikh
No religion	Prefer not to say	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sexual orientation: *(please circle)*

Heterosexual (straight)	Homosexual	Bisexual
Prefer not to say		

### Do you consider yourself to be disabled? *(please circle)*

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

