

Royal Devon Governor elections – support materials

NHS trust looking for Governors to help support local health services

The Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is looking for people to join the Trust in a special voluntary role. In October, members of the public and Royal Devon staff can stand as a candidate for election as one of the Trust's Governors.

Governors play a vitally important role by providing a direct connection between the Trust, the community it serves and their partners.

Governors have a unique opportunity to work closely with some of the most senior people in the organisation. They have specific responsibilities, particularly to appoint and hold to account the Non-Executive Directors, who hold positions on the Board of Directors. Governors do this by hearing from the Trust's leaders and asking questions to further understand how the organisation is run and considers the interests of public and staff in the decisions made.

Governors have a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds, and don't need to have any health experience. What they share is a passion for championing the interests of patients and staff, and supporting local health services to be the best they can be for patients and the public.

You can nominate yourself now for the next election to the Council of Governors. The closing date is **5pm on Tuesday 11 October**.

Find out more about the role and how to apply: <https://royaldevon.nhs.uk/about-us/foundation-trust-and-membership/council-of-governors/governor-elections/>