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# Become a governor

## Helping people to be the best they can be

This leaflet is about becoming a governor for Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP). CWP is a Foundation Trust that provides health services for local people in partnership with other organisations.

Our services include:

- **Mental health services**
- **Learning disability services**
- **Physical health services**

## What is a CWP governor?

Governors have an important role in making the Trust publicly accountable for the services it provides. They are elected by CWP members or appointed by one of our partnership organisations and form the Council of Governors. Appointed governors represent stakeholder organisations such as our local councils or charities.

Governors are responsible for representing the interests of members to the Trust Board of Directors.

Members can be patients, service users, staff or the general public.

## Governor Constituencies

Our governors have a diverse range of knowledge, skills and experience, which is highly valued by the Trust.

There are different types of governors that represent the Trust:

- **Staff governors** work for the Trust and are close to operational issues
- **Service user/carer governors** have first-hand experience of our services, either through care and treatment they have received personally or through care and treatment provided to a family member or friend.
- **Public governors** represent the voice and opinion of our general public in relation to the services we provide, the views of the local community, environmental issues etc..

## Why become a governor?

You may want to become a governor if you are interested in:

- Improving health services in your area
- Supporting CWP's work
- Giving something back to your local community
- A challenging role that makes a difference
- Improving people's understanding and awareness of CWP services

## What kind of things would I do?

Governors use their experience to:

- **Speak out** on behalf of CWP members and share those views with the Council of Governors
- **Keep people informed** about the challenges faced by CWP and get their support
- **Represent their particular constituency** by finding out what people think of their services and how they could be improved
- **Be an ambassador** for CWP

## Who is the governor representing my constituency or area of interest?

A full list of current governors, who they are and contact details can be found online at [www.cwp.nhs.uk](http://www.cwp.nhs.uk) under 'Meet our governors'

## Who can be a governor?

No specific qualifications are required to be a governor.

However commitment to the role and a desire to make difference is key.

If you are 16 years old or over and have been a member for at least 12 months, you can nominate yourself for election to the Council of Governors.