

## Public Meetings

- 8th Aug** 19:00-20:00 Large Hall  
St James Hospital  
Locksway Road  
Portsmouth
- 21st Aug** 19:00-20:00 Western Wards  
Community Campus  
Brookfield Community School  
Brook Lane  
Sarisbury Green
- 4th Sept** 19:15-20:15 Georgian Suite  
Thorngate Halls  
Gosport
- 6th Sept** 19:00-20:00 The Conference Hall  
Dame Judith Professional Centre  
Sundridge Close  
Cosham  
PO6 3JL
- 18th Sept** 19:00-20:00 The Council Chamber  
Havant Borough Council  
Civic Offices  
Civic Centre Road  
Havant
- 25th Sept** 19:00-20:00 The Council Chamber  
East Hants District Council  
Penns Place  
Petersfield

Portsmouth Hospitals **NHS**  
NHS Trust

## We need your comments and suggestions.

Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust has moved from strength to strength in recent years with a well earned reputation for clinical excellence.

We would like you to think about our plans for the future and whether you would like to become a member of the Foundation Trust.

Some of these plans are set out in our Public Consultation document. Please contact the Membership Secretary to obtain a copy (details below).

You are welcome to come to one of the public meetings or contact us as below.

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## “Our future as a Foundation Trust”

Our vision is simple...

*“Working in partnership we want to be the first  
choice provider of healthcare services  
to the people of Portsmouth,  
South East Hampshire and beyond.”*

We want your views.



# Some questions & answers

## What is a Foundation Trust?

It is a new kind of NHS organisation with less central government control and more freedom to act locally. They will still provide care according to NHS principles and will remain firmly part of the NHS.

## What does Foundation Trust status mean?

It means greater emphasis on patients, their families and staff having a say in the way the hospital is run.

## Why is becoming an NHS Foundation Trust the right thing for Portsmouth Hospitals?

It will ensure that the best interests of the local community are taken into account when designing and providing services.

As an NHS Foundation Trust we will be able to secure real benefits for local people in three key areas:

- Be accountable to local people
- More flexibility to provide good services to local people
- Have greater financial freedom

## How do you take part?

Membership

There will be public/patient (including carers) and staff members. Their key role will be to make sure their views and opinions are taken into account by electing representatives to the Council of Governors.

## Why become a member?

Members can make a real difference. It will give you an opportunity to become involved, share your views and have a say in the way the hospital is run.

## Who can become a member?

You can become a public/patient member if you are:

- aged 14 or over and live in the Trust's natural catchment area.
- a patient (or their carer) who has been treated at the Trust in the past three years.

## Staff members

It is proposed that all permanent staff should automatically become members of the NHS Foundation Trust. Staff will however, be able to opt out of membership should they wish.

## Is this privatisation of the NHS?

No. The Trust will have greater financial freedom but it will still be very much part of the NHS.

## How is a NHS Foundation Trust run?

There will be a:

- Membership constituency of local people, patients, carers and staff.
- Council of Governors elected by members and also representatives appointed by local partner organisations.
- Board of Directors similar to current Trust Board and responsible for the day to day running of the Trust.

## How do I become a member?

Anyone interested in becoming a member may register his or her interest by logging on to the Trust website and following the link to the members' page. (see contacts)

## How much does it cost to become a member?

Becoming a member is free. Members will receive information from the Trust about events and meetings. It will be up to you as to how much or how little you get involved.

## How do I become a governor?

Staff and public members can put themselves forward or nominate a candidate to become a Governor of the Foundation Trust.

## Will I be paid as a governor?

Governors do not receive a salary but reasonable expenses, including the costs of standing for election, will be met by the Trust.

