

Membership matters

Foundation Trust Members Newsletter - December 2024

News and updates from Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WHH).

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Welcome

I am truly honoured to step into the role of lead governor, succeeding Norman Holding. I want to take a moment to thank Norman for his dedicated service and significant contributions to the Trust. His hard work has created a strong foundation for us, the governors, to continue building upon.

With our new Chief Executive, Nikhil Khashu, in post it is an exciting time for everyone at the hospitals as we embrace change. The integration with Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is being clinically driven to provide improved patient pathways of care, making the treatment of patients a seamless journey.

In the coming year, my focus will be on boosting Trust membership and enhancing engagement among governors. I also want to extend a warm welcome to our newly elected governors as we embark on this journey together.

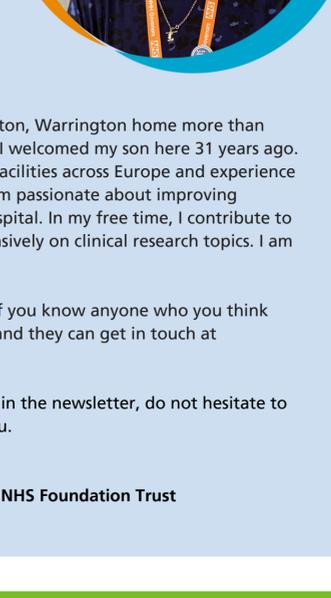
A bit about myself: I hail from Wales and have called Appleton, Warrington home more than three decades. My connection to the hospital runs deep, as I welcomed my son here 31 years ago. With a pharmaceutical background in auditing healthcare facilities across Europe and experience as a former director at The Institute of Clinical Research, I am passionate about improving patient experiences and promoting best practices in our hospital. In my free time, I contribute to a Health Research Ethics Committee and have written extensively on clinical research topics. I am also a member of a community choir.

Our aim is to increase the membership over the next year, if you know anyone who you think may be interested, please forward this newsletter to them and they can get in touch at whh.foundation@nhs.net

If you have any suggestions that you would like us to cover in the newsletter, do not hesitate to get in touch as above. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Fitzpatrick

Lead Governor, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



News from the Trust

News and updates from the Trust are available to view on the [latest news pages](#) on our website whh.nhs.uk.

We are joining forces with Bridgewater Community Healthcare to improve services for our communities.

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Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCH) and Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WHH) are joining forces and working as one to improve healthcare services for our communities.

Warrington and Halton need strong and resilient clinical services, and our healthcare system must be sustainable for the future. We know that we can achieve more together for both our patients and staff.

By coming together, we will deliver new models of care, with the continued involvement of a wide range of partners and voices, including primary care, local authorities and people with lived experience.

This is an exciting opportunity to really make things better for our patients and our staff, while also making our services stronger and more resilient.

[Read more.](#)

Trust launches new website

The Trust has launched a new public facing Trust website.

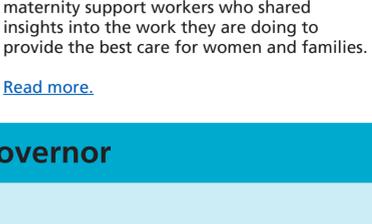
The new website has a refreshed look and feel, with a streamlined structure to make it easier to find information.

The website home page URL remains the same and has easier access to information on accessing urgent treatment, managing your appointments online, changing or cancelling your appointment and to book a blood test.

whh.whh.nhs.uk



Did you know that the norovirus stomach bug can cause many unpleasant symptoms like **nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea**?



Hospitals looking for over 60s for new trial

Help to see if we can protect people against symptoms caused by the norovirus stomach bug with an investigational mRNA vaccine.

Researchers at the Halton Clinical Research Centre, part of Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals (WHH), are looking for people aged 60 and over to take part in a new global clinical trial.

The Nova 301 Trial, which is the first of its kind, will see if an investigational vaccine may be able to protect people against symptoms caused by the norovirus stomach bug.

[Read more.](#)

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals welcome England's Chief Midwifery Officer

The Chief Midwifery Officer for England visited Warrington Hospital on Thursday 21 November to tour its maternity services and present a Chief Midwifery Officer Award to a dedicated staff member.

Kate Brintworth was welcomed by Ali Kennah, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals' Chief Nurse, and Ailsa Gaskill-Jones, Director of Midwifery, along with midwives, nurses and maternity support workers who shared insights into the work they are doing to provide the best care for women and families.

[Read more.](#)

Goodbye from your lead governor

Norman Holding

"As I come to the end of nine years as a governor and seven years as lead governor, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my time at WHH.

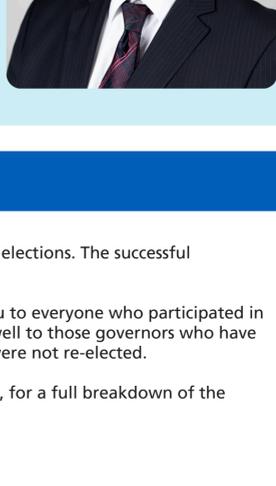
"I have learned so much and hopefully contributed something to the progress of both the Trust and the Council of Governors."

[Read more](#) from Norman in his final interview as lead governor.

If you want to contact your Governor, please email whh.foundation@nhs.net with your query or with a request for them to contact you and tell us the area that you live in.

You can also call us on 01925 662139.

[Find out more about your local governors.](#)



Governor election results

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2024 governor elections. The successful candidates will start their term on 1 December 2024.

Congratulations to all the successful candidates and thank you to everyone who participated in the voting process. We would also like to thank and say farewell to those governors who have come to the end of their final term of office and those who were not re-elected.

Please read the [Report of Voting](#) and the [Uncontested Report](#), for a full breakdown of the results.

Public governors

Warrington and Halton

- Margaret Bamforth
- Catherine Ardern
- Linda Mills
- Nigel Richardson
- Paula Jones
- Alan Davies
- Jack Roper

Staff governors

Medical and Dental

- Akash Ganguly

Support Staff

- Erwin Tuballes

More information on your governors is available on the [Trust's website](#).

Experts by Experience

Experts by Experience (EbyEs) are volunteers with lived experience, who help us to understand how it feels to either access services, or to care for someone who does.

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals currently have 165 members within our EbyE programme, who support the Trust to involve patient insight and experience during changes, developments, or improvements to patient-facing services.

Our Engagement and Involvement Officer sends out feedback and project opportunities to our EbyEs a few times a month by email. Opportunities for inclusion are varied e.g. you can fill in a survey (anonymously), join a meeting or take part in a workshop project that you're interested in.

For any surveys, call outs or emails that are not of interest to you, you can just delete the mail.

Signing up takes just a minute or two. Just fill in the form at [here](#) and we'll be in touch.

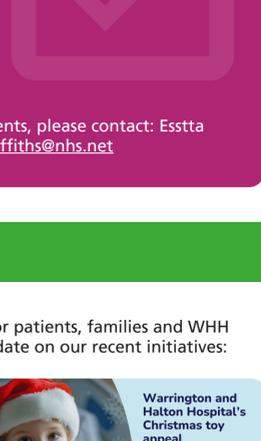
For more information, please email whh.engagement@nhs.net

Events

The Trust runs numerous events throughout the year and members are invited to get involved. This last year we hosted WHH International Clinical Trials Day in May, membership and governor stands throughout the year and our Annual Members' Meeting in October.

We have also been involved in many community events such as Disability Awareness Day, Warrington Pride, Armed Forces Day and Warrington Mela.

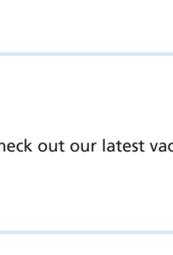
For more information or to support Team WHH at future events, please contact: Essta Griffiths, Engagement and Involvement Officer, on Essta.griffiths@nhs.net



WHH Charity

At [WHH Charity](#), we're proud of the difference we're making for patients, families and WHH colleagues, all thanks to our generous supporters. Here's an update on our recent initiatives:

Free meals for parents at Warrington Hospital
Parents on the Children's Ward can now access free hot meals thanks to a £5,000 donation from Sophie's Legacy that has been matched by WHH Charity. [Read more.](#)



Warrington and Halton Hospitals' Christmas toy appeal
Donate a new, unwrapped toy valued up to £5. Contact the Fundraising Team to arrange a drop-off.

Mountain mission raises more than £2,000
James Cooper and a team from the Orthodontics department raised £2,390 for the Raising Smiles campaign with a Mount Snowdon hike, despite James breaking his ankle. The campaign seeks to raise £44,000 for new digital scanners. [Find out more about the campaign.](#)

Leagues of Friends' donation for ICU garden balcony
Thanks to a heartfelt £140,000 donation, a new garden balcony will be constructed for critically ill patients. [Read more.](#)

Neonatal Unit's digital video diaries

A transformational video messaging service is helping parents stay connected to babies on the Neonatal Unit. [Read more.](#)

To get involved, email whh.charity@nhs.net, donate via our [Just Giving page](#), or stay updated through our [newsletters](#) and [impact report](#).

Work at WHH

If you are interested in a role in healthcare and with us, check out our latest vacancies.

[Click here to view our current vacancies.](#)

Get involved

Support vital research work at WHH by signing up to take part in clinical research as part of the Pathway to Research programme.

[Find out more.](#)

Your governors

For more information on the role of governors at WHH, from some of our current governors, please watch our [YouTube video](#).

For more information on Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust visit www.whh.nhs.uk



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