



**Kingston Hospital**  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Calling Potential Governors

Do you want to give something back to your local hospital and represent your community?

We have 31 Governors on our Council of Governors and elections for current vacancies will be taking place this autumn.

Governors play a vital role in making sure that the hospital and its services are being run effectively and have direct influence on strategic decision-making. Make a difference and become a Governor for Kingston Hospital.

If you are 16 years and over, we have the following Governor vacancies:

- **11 Public Governors**  
Representing Kingston, Richmond, Elmbridge, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton, or the Rest of Surrey and Greater London.
- **3 Staff Governors**  
Representing Nursing & Midwifery, Allied Health Professionals & Clinical Support, or Management & Administration



## Register your interest now

Nominations open on 8 September 2020 and close on 6 October 2020

## Role of a Governor

Governors have a key role to play in holding the Board to account through the Non-Executive Directors and representing the views of members of the public. At Council meetings you will:

- Receive and share information about the Hospital and spend time understanding significant issues.
- Understand Trust strategy.
- Ask questions of Trust Board Directors.
- Set out issues that have come to the attention of Governors.
- Hear from other Governors, Council sub-groups and members of the public.

It is not the role of any Governor to:

- Pursue their own personal agendas.
- Get involved in individual health issues raised by their 'constituents', although they can often provide guidance on who to direct enquiries to at the Trust.
- Be viewed as a 'go-between' or 'staff-side representative' to drive staff-related issues which should be dealt with operationally.

## Find out more

Come to our Governor virtual awareness events on:

**Thursday 17 September, 6.30-7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 22 September, 6.30-7.30pm**

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Members Meeting (AMM) will be taking place on  
**Thursday 10 September at 6pm**

## To register your interest in becoming a Governor

To register your interest or for more information on joining the virtual engagement events, email [susan.wheeler7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.wheeler7@nhs.net) or telephone 020 8934 3846.

## How to apply

You **must** be a Member of Kingston Hospital in order to become a Governor.

Join at: <https://secure.membra.co.uk/KingstonApplicationForm>

Membership is free and allows you to receive regular information and news about the hospital. Attend events e.g. Open Days and Health Talks, participate in surveys and focus groups. Your interest in the hospital is enormously valuable to us and your feedback can help make a real difference.

## An Information Pack and Nomination Form are available from:

Telephone: 020 8889 9203

Email: [ftnominationenquiries@cesvotes.com](mailto:ftnominationenquiries@cesvotes.com)

Online: [www.cesvotes.com/kingston2020](http://www.cesvotes.com/kingston2020)

Text: 2FT Governor to 88802

Write to: Ciara Hutchinson, Civica Election Services (CES), The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0WW.

For more information about Foundation Trusts, the role of Governors and links to past Council of Governors papers visit: [www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/our-trust/council-of-governors.aspx](http://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/our-trust/council-of-governors.aspx)