

Do you want to make a real difference?

If so, why not sign up FREE as a member today and have your say about our services



Who can become a member?

Anyone that is 12 years or over and lives in either Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Birmingham and the wider West Midlands or Central England (i.e. Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire etc) can register as a member.

How do you register as a member?

Registering as a member is easy. All you need to do is complete our online membership application form at:
<https://secure.membra.co.uk/BlackCountryHealthcareApplicationForm/>

Members have the opportunity to:

- Keep up to date with our Trust developments and influence the direction of our services
- Attend our Annual General Members meeting and Assembly of Governor meetings
- Attend various membership events, such as information seminars
- Participate in workshops and surveys
- Fundraise for our Trust charity
- Be involved in Trust research projects
- Receive discounts on a wide range of goods and services through an NHS discounts scheme
- Vote in governor elections to elect nominated members to our Assembly of Governors
- Stand in future governor elections, and join our Assembly of Governors

Who can stand in governor elections?

Anyone that is 16 years or over and is registered as a member can stand in governor elections, and represent the area they live in.

When will the next elections take place?

This year's governor nominations are now closed. We will be running further elections in the future, so why not register your interest on your online application form. Nearer the time of the elections, members will also receive a direct communication with details of the elections, timescales and election process.

The governor role gives you the opportunity to:

- Make a difference and have a positive contribution to the work of our Trust
- Help us shape the future of our services and ensure that our patients and carers get the best possible care
- Support and help continually achieve the Trust's vision of: 'Together we can achieve healthier, happier lives for everyone'
- Represent your own views and experiences that will have a positive impact on our Trust
- Be an advocate for what matters the most to our communities, and share these with our Board of Directors
- Be updated on the Trust's performance and developments, as well as seek performance assurance from our Board of Directors
- Act as an ambassador for your area of expertise or interest group
- Attend and support the planning of member engagement events
- Help build our membership community to ensure that it is representative of the communities we serve
- You will receive on-going support and training to ensure that you have the confidence and skills to carry out the role..

To find out more:

Contact Erica Pearce in our membership office on:
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