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Some of our Trust Members share their thoughts



"Being a Member gives me the opportunity to participate in projects taking place, making a constructive contribution and a difference, however small that might be."

Kevan Larkin
Patient Representative
and Patient Member



"I think it is important that young people are part of the Trust's development and have a say in how their health services are run!"

Dean Sanders
Volunteer and Public
Member



"As a staff member, being a Member of the Trust helps me gain an understanding of the real issues at hand."

Sandra Glover
Modern Matron

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Apply now and have a say in how your care is provided

What is the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MCHFT)?

MCHFT is the organisation which manages Leighton Hospital in Crewe, Victoria Infirmary in Northwich and Elmhurst Intermediate Care Centre in Winsford. The Trust is publicly owned and is accountable to the local population, which is why it is welcoming the local population to become Members. The main aim of Foundation Trust status is to bring our hospitals closer to the people they serve.

Why should I become a Member?

By becoming a Member, you can influence the decision-making process in and development of your hospitals.

Trust membership is free. You'll be invited to Members' events, such as talks by medical staff. You can become part of a focus group or participate in surveys, questionnaires, consultations and discussions about our services.

Being a Member gives you the opportunity to develop the Trust's future. You will be able to give your opinions on everything - from the quality of our food to the service you receive in a clinic - nothing is off limits! We really want to understand the viewpoint of our patients, staff, carers and Members.

Who can become a Member?

You'll need to live in the catchment area of our hospitals to be eligible to become a Public Member.

Everyone who has been a patient at one or more of our hospitals, regardless of where they live, can become a Patient Member.

If you are a carer or a family member of a patient, you can also join as a Carer Member.

All staff automatically become Members on joining the Trust.

Knowledge of the Trust's services is not necessary – all you need is an interest in the hospitals' current and future progress.

What can I do as a Member?

When you are a Member, how much you become involved is your choice. You can take part in any of the following activities:

- Receiving newsletters and information such as annual reports, accounts and business plans.
- Sharing your views and concerns with Trust Governors.
- Attending Members-only events hosted by clinical staff, to give you a more informed view of your hospital.
- Attending Council of Governor meetings.
- Acting as an 'ambassador' for the Trust.
- Voting or standing in Governor elections.
- Participating in focus groups on service plans.
- Collecting and channelling views of fellow Members regarding our services.

All the above gives you more information to have your say in how we can improve things and what services we deliver based on the views of our community.

How do I join?

For more information about free membership, or to apply online, please visit: - www.mcht.nhs.uk and click on Foundation Trust link

Alternatively, you can fill in the form opposite, seal the leaflet and return to the Freepost address overleaf – no need for a stamp.

In line with the Data Protection Act 1998, any information provided will be kept secure, treated confidentially and only used in connection with membership or public involvement with the Trust.

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I am... patient staff public

carer (of patient under 16) carer (of patient over 16)

Your involvement

It would be useful to know at this stage the level at which you would like to be involved. This does not represent a commitment on your part. (Please tick all that apply)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient services
e.g. monitoring quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Information
e.g. proof reading leaflets | <input type="checkbox"/> Standing for election as
governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving regular news
from our Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development | |

We want to ensure our membership is representative of the community we serve. The following information will help us to do this. Please indicate which ethnic group you feel you belong to:

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|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| White | Mixed | Black |
| <input type="checkbox"/> British | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Chinese | Asian | Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Gender: Male Female

Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Signature:

Date: _____