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NHS Foundation Trust application by the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust

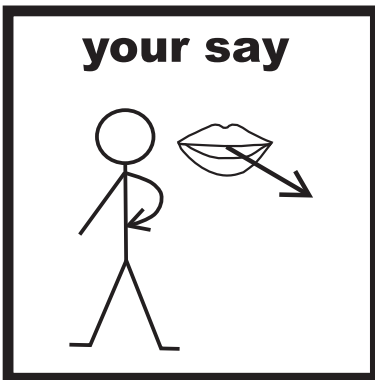
Consultation document
October 2011 to January 2012

*Keeping services local
to support independence*



Thank you for looking at our ideas for becoming a Foundation Trust.

We hope that you will want to find out more about how we plan to provide better services and will tell us what you think. We also hope that you will become a member of the Trust and work with us more in the future.



After you have read the guide, please let us know what you think by filling in the form at the back of the guide and sending it to us.

Introduction

We are applying to become an NHS Foundation Trust

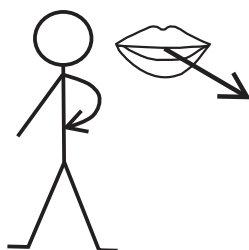
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This is a short guide about why Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust would like to become a Foundation Trust.

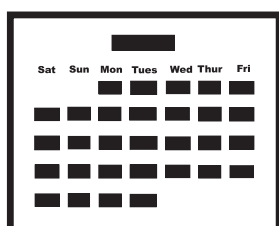
It is to tell you why we think this would be a good idea and to find out what you think.

your say



You can tell us what you think by answering the questions at the end of the guide and sending them to us, or coming to one of the events we are holding.

date



You will need to have told us what you think by 16th January 2012.

Who we are

We offer health and social care services to nearly half a million people in Devon.

We :

- Have over 21 sites in Devon
- Have nearly 4,500 staff
- We have a budget of £209million a year

Over the next 5 years we want to make sure that everyone chooses our services because they are the best.

What is a Foundation Trust?

good health



Foundation Trusts are still part of the NHS and provide free health care, but they give more say to local people.

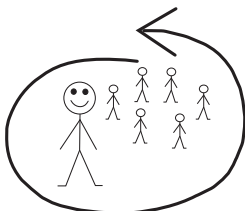
They are run locally, with local people having a say in how they wish their services to be developed.

money



Foundation Trusts have more say about how money is spent to meet the needs of local people.

included



Local people, service users, carers and staff can become members of the Foundation Trust.

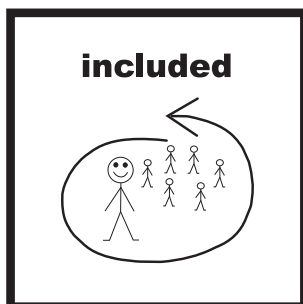
Members can vote for people to be on the Council of Governors who are able to make choices about what the Trust will do.

Why do we want to be a Foundation Trust?

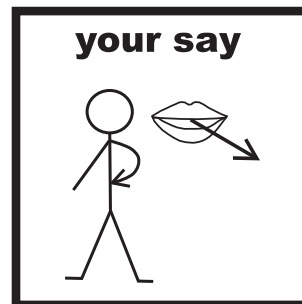
We think it will be better for

- Patients
- Carers
- Staff
- Local people

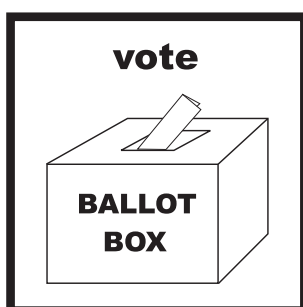
Benefits will include :



Becoming a Trust member



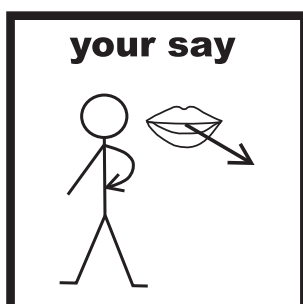
Having a say in how our services change



A chance to get voted on to the Council of Governors



Getting better information about our services



Having a say in how our services are run

How can you help us run the Trust?

myself



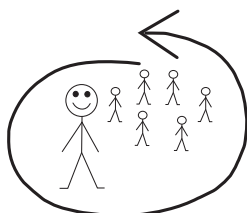
Members are made up of patients, carers, staff and other local people.

Members can vote people on to the Council of Governors.

Members get information from the Trust and more chance to have their say.

If you would like to be a member then please fill in the form at the end of this guide.

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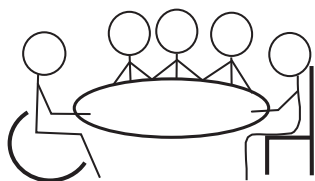


The proposed Council of Governors is made up to 23 people who are called Governors.

13 of the Governors are public. Other governors include members of staff, and other organisations such as doctors or district councils.

Governors talk to the members and take their views to meetings of the Council of Governors.

Board of Directors



The Board of Directors runs the Trust and makes sure that plans are followed.

The Board is made up of Executive and Non-Executive Directors.

The Board makes sure that the Trusts services are the best they can be and reports back to the Council of Governors.

Making our services better

We want our services to be the best they can be.

To do this we have made a 5 year plan, called a vision.

Here are some important parts of the vision.



- We want to keep services local
- We want to continue to provide safe, high quality care
- We want to help people be healthy and as independent as possible
- We want to help people make decisions for themselves
- We will listen to individual people about their needs
- We want to make sure there is hospital care available when it is needed
- We will work with other hospitals so that the best, high quality care is available to patients
- We will design our services to meet individual need

Our future plans

- We will continue to provide care that is safe and have good systems and processes
- We will provide local services that are supported by experts from other hospitals, called clinical networks
- We will provide health and social care services so that the right care is provided at the right time and in the right place for individual patients
- We will make sure we have excellent staff to care for patients
- We will make sure our hospitals are clean, modern and welcoming
- We will make sure we have money to deliver the services
- We will continue to improve the Trust while the government changes the NHS

Our new name

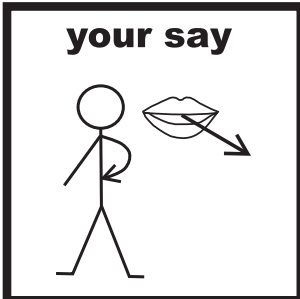
We will need to change our name to say that we are now a Foundation Trust and also because we cover a lot more of Devon than we used to, as you can see on the map below.

If we become a Foundation Trust we will be called :

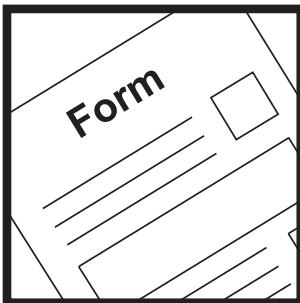
Devon Care NHS Foundation Trust



Having your say



This is a chance for you to tell us what you think.



You can do this by answering the questions at the end of this guide and posting it back to us.



You can come to a meeting. You can find more about these through our website and in the local news.

www.northdevonhealth.nhs.uk/ft

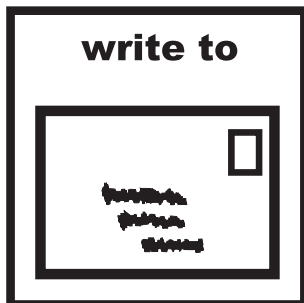


We will need to know what you think by 16th January 2012.

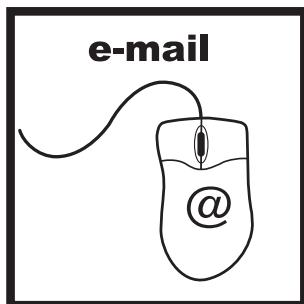
If you would like us to come along to speak at a meeting of your organisation or group, please contact us :



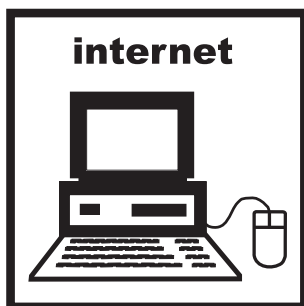
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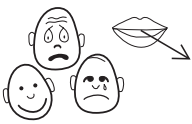


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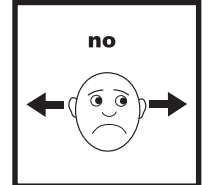
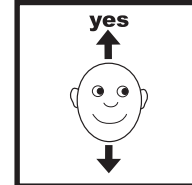


Tell us what you think

questions



Questions



(Please tick ✓)

Do you think the vision will give good care for our patients?

Do you think our plans are right?

Do you think we should do something else?

Should the age of members start at 16 years or 18 years?

Do you think that 6 public governors for North and Torridge, 3 for Exeter and East Devon, 3 for Mid devon and 1 for Cornwall/Somerset/Dorset for Council of Governors is right?

Do you think the Council of Governors has the right number of staff governors?

Do you think the Council of Governors is the right size for the local areas that we serve?

comments

