Press Release

Hampshire Hospitals welcomes new governors

HAMPshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust’s Council of Governors has been boosted with the addition of six fresh faces.

Keith Bunker, Daughne Taylor, Beverley Morgan, Ruth Gower-Smith, Keith Wiggans and Eugene Edwards have been elected as governors for the Trust, which runs Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, in Winchester, and Andover War Memorial Hospital.

As a Foundation Trust, Hampshire Hospitals is accountable to the local community through its members and their elected governors. Governors, who serve a three-year term, are elected by the Trust members and work alongside the Board of Directors to ensure that interests of the community and staff are represented in how services are developed and delivered by the Trust. Membership of the Trust is free and anyone aged over 16 can join.

Governors are also involved in the Trust in many ways, including sitting on the patient experience group, taking part in Patient-led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) inspections and meeting and talking to the public at Trust events such as open days.

Keith Bunker and Daughne Taylor have been elected as governors for North Hampshire and West Berkshire, which includes Basingstoke and Newbury, joining Joy Deadman, Douglas Ralph and Gilda McIntosh.

Beverley Morgan was elected by members in Mid and East Hampshire, which includes Winchester and Alton, joining Brian Collin, Ann Jones, Jennifer Ramsey and John Bird on the Council of Governors.

Ruth Gower-Smith and Keith Wiggans are the new elected governors for West and South Hampshire and will work alongside Rosemary Hamilton and Brian Richardson in that constituency, which includes Andover and Eastleigh.

Lead governor Maurice Alston remains in place as governor for the rest of England.

Eugene Edwards has been nominated to the council as a staff governor, representing support staff from across the Trust. Mark Wilks, Claire Barlow and Kevin Conn will continue in their roles as staff governors.

David Leeks and Gerald Merritt continue to serve as patient champion governors, for disabled people and older people respectively. Tommy Geddes and Cllr Stephen Reid remain in place as stakeholder governors representing Winchester University and Hampshire County Council respectively.

Elizabeth Padmore, chairman of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: “On behalf of the Trust, I’d like to offer my warmest congratulations to all of the new governors on their election and offer a heartfelt thank you to the governors who are stepping down.

“I am looking forward to working with all of our new governors. I’m sure they will be great ambassadors for
the membership and communities that they represent.”

If you would like to become a member of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, visit www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/membership to find out more.

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PHOTOS:
Beverley Morgan – Beverley Morgan, new governor for Mid and East Hampshire
Daughne Taylor – Daughne Taylor, new governor for North Hampshire and West Berkshire
Eugene Edwards – Eugene Edwards, new staff governor for support staff
Keith Bunker – Keith Bunker, new governor for North Hampshire and West Berkshire
Keith Wiggins – Keith Wiggins, new governor for West and South Hampshire
Ruth Gower-Smith – Ruth Gower-Smith, new governor for West and South Hampshire

Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 570,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £385 million a year.
3. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.
4. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by NHS Improvement, an independent regulator.

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