

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility to become and remain a governor of University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

A person may not become or continue as a governor of the Trust if:

- he/she is under 16 years old
- he/she is not a member of the Trust
- he/she ceases to be a member of the area of the public constituency or staff class he/she represents
- he/she has within the preceding two years been dismissed, other than by reason of redundancy or ill health, from any paid employment with a Health Service Body (including an NHS trust, an NHS foundation trust, a clinical commissioning group, a special health authority or NHS England and NHS Improvement)
- he/she is a person whose tenure of office as the chair or as a member or director of a Health Service Body has been terminated on the grounds that his/her appointment is not in the interest of the health service
- he/she is a director of the Trust, or a governor, executive director, non-executive director, chair, chief executive officer of another Health Service Body, or a corporate body whose business involves the provision of health care services
- he/she has had his/her name removed from a list maintained under regulations pursuant to sections 91, 106, 123, or 146 of the National Health Service Act 2006, or the equivalent lists maintained by Local Health Boards in Wales under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, and he/she has not subsequently had his/her name included in such a list
- he/she lacks capacity within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of a governor
- he/she has refused without reasonable cause to undertake any training which the Trust and/or council of governors requires all governors to undertake
- he/she is a member of a local authority Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- he/she is the subject of a Sex Offenders Order and/or his/her name is included in the Sex Offenders Register
- he/she is an occupant of the same household and/or an immediate family member of a governor or a director of the Trust
- he/she has failed to repay (without good cause) any amount of monies properly owed to the Trust
- he/she has failed to sign and deliver to the secretary a statement in the form required by the Trust confirming acceptance of the council of governors code of conduct
- he/she has already served six years in office as a governor
- he/she is an unfit person within the meaning of the Trust's NHS provider licence, save where NHS England and NHS Improvement has provided approval in writing to him/her becoming or continuing as a governor
- he/she has previously been removed from office as a governor of a foundation trust by another foundation trust
- he/she has previously been removed from office as a governor by the council of governors
- he/she has not made a declaration in the specified form setting out the particulars of his/her qualification to vote or stand as a member of the constituency for which the election is being held
- he/she has been made bankrupt or whose estate has been sequestrated and (in either case) has not been discharged
- he/she is a person in relation to whom a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies (under Part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986)
- he/she has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his/her creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it
- he/she within the preceding five years has been convicted in the British Islands of any offence if a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) was imposed on him/her

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