

# Could you help lead the NHS in your area?

**Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust**

**Non-executive director**

**Candidate information pack**

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**We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all and appointments made on merit. We believe that the best boards are those that reflect the communities they serve.**

**We particularly welcome applications from women, people from the local black and minority ethnic communities, and disabled people who we know are under-represented in chair and non-executive roles.**

**Our recruitment processes are conducted in accordance with the Code of Governance to ensure that they are made on merit after a fair and open process so that the best people, from the widest possible pool of candidates, are appointed.**

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## 1. The opportunity

We are recruiting a Non-executive Director for Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT). This is an exceptional opportunity to share your talents and expertise to make a positive difference to the lives of people in your community.

## 2. The person specification

### Essential criteria

You will need to have a genuine commitment to patients and the promotion of excellent health care services. You will have **senior level** experience in **one or more** of the following:

- Financial management experience gained in a commercial environment ideally with a recognised finance qualification and experience of managing significant budgets;
- Legal expertise; or
- Commercial experience gained in a strong customer focused role within a private sector organisation.

The Trust is committed to having a Board that represents the communities they serve. We particularly welcome applications from people from the local black and minority ethnic communities, and disabled people who we know are under-represented in chair and Non-executive roles

You will need to be able to demonstrate you can use your experience to:

- work alongside other Non-executives and executive colleagues as an equal member of the board
- bring independence, external perspectives, skills and challenge to strategy development
- hold the executive to account by providing purposeful, constructive scrutiny and challenge
- shape and actively support a healthy culture for the trust

All Non-executive directors must **champion the standards of public life** – by upholding the highest standards of conduct and displaying the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

As a future NHS leader, the successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the range of behaviours required to contribute effectively in this board level role. These are outlined in the NHS Leadership Academy's [Healthcare Leadership Model](#).

Applicants should live in or have strong connections with Cornwall.

- On average this role will require the equivalent to 2 to 3 days a month.
- The remuneration payable for this role is £6,157 pa.

Given the significant public profile and responsibility members of NHS Boards hold, it is vital that those appointed inspire confidence of the public, patients and NHS staff at all times. NHS Improvement makes a number of specific background checks to ensure that those we appoint are “fit and proper” people to hold these important roles. More information can be found on our [website](#).

### 3. About Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust

RCHT is the principal provider of acute care services in the county of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It serves a population of around 450,000 people, a figure that can be doubled by holidaymakers during the busiest times of the year. The trust employs approximately 5,000 staff and has an annual budget of approximately £350 million.

The Trust is responsible for the provision of services at three main sites (comprising approximately 750 beds):

- Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro
- West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance
- St Michael's Hospital, Hayle

The Trust has teaching hospitals status as part of the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry (PCMD) and University of Exeter Medical School. Allied to this is a growing reputation for research and innovation. The Trust is continually developing its clinical services and is committed to working constructively with the rest of the health and social care system to maximise local service delivery.

The Knowledge Spa on the Royal Cornwall Hospital site, the Cornwall base for medical students and the University of Plymouth Faculty of Health and Social Work, has further enhanced a strong reputation for training and education. This plays a vital part in attracting and retaining the Trust's highly skilled teams of doctors, nurses and other health professionals who care for well over half a million patients each year.

#### **Vision, values and strategic aims:**

The Trust's vision is 'Working together to achieve outstanding care and better health outcomes'. This is underpinned by four strategic aims:

- **Quality:** To provide safe, effective, compassionate care

- **People:** Attract, develop and retain excellent staff
- **Partnership:** Offer integrated care as close to home as possible
- **Resources:** To make best use of all of our resources

The Non-Executive Director will play a central role, working with the Board, in ensuring the Trust delivers its vision and strategic aims.

## Vision

The Trust has set its vision as 'Working together to provide outstanding care' to reflect our ambition and principles with a set of core values developed through engagement with our staff.

## Values

### Care + Compassion

We see the person in every patient, communicating with honesty and compassion. We listen and act on feedback to ensure outstanding care.

### Inspiration + Innovation

We welcome new ideas and use our initiative to solve problems together. We value learning and research to improve services.

### Working Together

We work to create a positive team spirit, recognise achievements and celebrate success. We are open, inclusive and want to continually improve.

### Pride + Achievement

We take pride in our work and always go the extra mile. We lead by example and ensure quality is at the heart of all we do.

### Trust + Respect

We respect and consider other people's views and feelings. We seek consensus and respond to situations professionally and calmly.

## 4. Key challenges

RCHT is an ambitious organisation that is passionate about delivering safe, high quality care to citizens and providing a positive working environment for its staff.

The Trust Board recognised that during 2017/18 the standards of care fell below those expected of NHS providers and which the people of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (CIOS) are entitled to receive. The Trust has made significant progress following investment in the capacity, capability and resources needed to establish a Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) which is at the heart of its Operational plan for 2018/19. The themes of the 2018/19 QIP which were agreed and developed with its staff as set out below:



RCHT is on a journey to improve care. Having been placed in special measures and rated inadequate in 2017, the CQC following a further inspection visit reported in December 2018 that the Trust rating had improved to 'Requires Improvement' with care rated as 'Good' across all three hospitals. Overall the report provided a balanced view of progress and is a strong indication that the organisation is heading in the right direction.

The Trust has embarked on a journey to become a '*brilliant*' place for the care of our patients, the people who work for us and improvement. The Trust launched an Organisational Development Programme with a series of roadshow events in February 2019 with the aim of reinventing the organisation.

The Trust cultural change programme intends to create the conditions for the Trust to be a place where it is sustainable and consistently outstanding as a provider of appropriate acute care that is safe, timely, effective, compassionate and person centred. On this journey the Trust aspires to create a great place to work for our staff where all staff recommend RCHT as a place to work and to receive treatment, as well as working in partnership with its wider community, the care system and public to provide the care they value.

Patient flow is a critical issue for the Trust with high numbers of people arriving at the Emergency Department, being admitted and then being delayed in their transfer out of hospital. Patient flow can only be effectively addressed through effective working across health and social care and relationships with health and care partners have significantly improved and work continues to develop the system-wide transformation required.

Like many NHS Trusts, RCHT operates in a very challenging financial environment with the need to balance financial sustainability, developing services for the future and providing safe and effective care. It is in this context that the Trust has set a plan to report a deficit in 2018/19, but it is recognised that this is not sustainable and thus a three year system recovery plan is being developed as part of Shaping Our Future.

## Appendix 1: More information

For information about RCHT, such as business plans, annual reports, and services, visit their [website](#).

Follow the links for more information about:

- [Becoming a non-executive director](#)
- [About the non-executive role](#)
- [Advice on applying for the role](#) such as:
  - Building your application
  - Sources of information and useful reading
  - Eligibility and disqualification criteria
  - Terms and conditions of chair and non-executive director appointments

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## Appendix 2: Making an application

If you wish to be considered for this role please provide:

- a CV that includes your address and contact details, highlighting and explaining any gaps in your employment history
- a supporting statement that highlights your motivation for applying and your understanding of the NHS and the role. You should outline your personal responsibility and achievement within previous roles and how your experience matches the person specification
- the names, positions, organisations and contact details for three referees. Your referees should be individuals in a line management capacity, and cover your most recent employer, any regulated health or social care activity or where roles involved children or vulnerable adults. Your references may be taken prior to interview and may be shared with the selection panel
- please complete and return the monitoring information form which accompanies this pack and is available for download
- tell us about any dates when you will not be available

## Appendix 3: Key dates

- **closing date for receipt of applications: 5 April 2019 at 11am.** Please forward your completed application to [NHSI.Chairsandneds@nhs.net](mailto:NHSI.Chairsandneds@nhs.net)
- **interview date: 16 April 2019**

## Getting in touch

- We strongly recommend an informal and confidential discussion with Mairi Mclean the Chairwoman of the Trust, please contact Lynsey Neave on 01872 256343
- **NHS Improvement** – for general enquiries contact Leslie Horn on 0300 123 2057 or by emailing [leslie.horn@nhs.net](mailto:leslie.horn@nhs.net)



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