



Could you help lead the NHS in your area?

Whittington Health 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

There is a vacancy for a Non-executive Director at Whittington Health NHS Trust. This is an exceptional opportunity to share your talents and expertise to make a positive difference to the lives of people served by the Trust.

In addition to your membership of the board, you will also bring your skills to the board's Quality Committee and Workforce Assurance Committee.

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 meet at least two of the following essential criteria:

- Board level experience gained in a large and complex organisation
- Board level leadership of quality, safety and workforce issues, with a particular emphasis on patients or community engagement

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
- demonstrate a focus on patient care and reducing health inequalities

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 the local community served by the trust in the London Boroughs of Haringey and Islington.

- On average this role will require the equivalent to 2 to 3 days a month, however the time commitment may vary and a flexible approach should be taken.
- From 1 April 2020, the remuneration payable for this role is £11,500 per annum. Thereafter the remuneration will be applied in line with the framework for chairs and NEDs. On this basis the successful candidate will receive an increase on 1 April 2021 to £13,000 (standard rate for all NEDs) per annum.

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 Whittington Health NHS Trust

Whittington Health is one of London’s leading integrated care organisations – helping local people to live longer, healthier lives.

The trust provides hospital and community care services to over half a million people living in Islington and Haringey as well as those living in Barnet, Enfield, Camden and Hackney. Whittington Health provided over 100 different types of health service (over 40 acute and 60 community services) in 2018/19. Every day, the trust aims to provide high quality and safe healthcare to people either in its hospital, in their homes or in nearby clinics. The trust is here to support its patients throughout their healthcare journey – this is what makes Whittington Health an integrated care organisation. During 2018/19, the trust had an income of c. £320 million, over 4,300 staff delivering care across north central London and over 1.3 million patient contacts. The trust is segmented as level two under the Single Operating Framework. The trust successfully delivered its control total last year and has plans to do so again this financial year.

Trust services and its approach are driven by the trust’s vision

The trust has an excellent reputation for being innovative, responsive and flexible to the changing clinical needs of the local population. The trust is treating more patients than ever before and is dedicated to improving services to deliver the best care for its patients.

The trust’s vision is: Helping local people live longer, healthier lives

The trust’s values:

The trust’s values guide how it acts. “We believe that our shared values are crucial to constantly improving the way we behave as a team”.

I  **INNOVATION**

We will welcome ideas, be willing to change and to make new partnerships.

C  **COMPASSION**

We will value our relationships, treat people with kindness, look after each other and create an environment that fosters privacy and dignity.

A  **ACCOUNTABILITY**

We will take ownership for what we do, use the public's money well, learn from our mistakes, hold others to account and be open and honest.

R  **RESPECT**

We will treat people fairly, recognise individuality and deal with inappropriate behaviour.

E  **EXCELLENCE**

We will keep people safe, deliver high-quality services, keep on improving and learn from mistakes.

 **What we do:**

“We lead the way in the provision of excellent integrated community and hospital services both medical and surgical”

Whittington Health is an “integrated care organisation”. This means the trust provides community and hospital services (both medical and surgical) in a joined up way to people.

The trust does not just want to provide these services as they always have been, but rather it wants to lead the way across the country, creating innovative ways to integrate teams across the organisation and with the trust’s partners in the council, primary care, mental health and the voluntary sector.

The trust is also proud to provide several specialist services to broader geographies such as its community dentistry services in 10 boroughs of London and its internationally recognised Michael Palin Centre, a specialist speech and language service which receives referrals from around the world.

The organisation has a highly-regarded educational role. The trust teaches undergraduate medical students (as part of UCL Medical School), nurses and therapists throughout the year, alongside providing a range of educational packages for postgraduate doctors and other healthcare professionals.

Trust objectives

The trust’s objectives tell us how it will achieve the vision in partnership with patients and service users:



Within each of these objectives the trust has set out more specifically what it means and what its ambition is:

Deliver outstanding safe, compassionate care in partnership with patients

- Partner with those who use the trusts services to deliver outcomes that matter to them through co-design of services and the objectives set out in the quality account
- Ensure timely and responsive care that is seamless between services
- Improve patient experience through delivery of the patient experience strategy ambitions
- Continually learn through the trust’s Quality Improvement strategy building a curious workforce that strives to use evidence

Empower, support and develop an engaged staff community

- Provide outstanding inter-professional education and inclusive, fair development opportunities
- Focus on the health and wellbeing of staff including improving the environment
- Be the employer of choice recruiting and retaining and recognising the best
- Create a kind environment of honesty and transparency where all staff are listened to and feel engaged
- Promote great leadership, accountability and team working where bullying and harassment is not tolerated

Integrate care with partners and promote health and wellbeing

- Partner with social, primary, mental health care, and the voluntary sector around localities to make an impact on population health outcomes and reduce inequalities
- Improve the joining up of teams across and between community and hospital services
- By working collaboratively, coordinate care in the community to get people home safely faster and keep people out of hospital where appropriate
- Prevent ill-health and empower self-management by making every contact count and engaging with the community and becoming a source of health advice and education

Transform and deliver innovative, financially sustainable services

- Transform patient flows and models of care (outpatients, same day emergency care, community localities, children's pathways)
- Reduce system cost and improve clinical productivity and financial literacy everywhere
- Transform our estates and information technology to enable new ways of working

4. London Leadership Values

As a joint health and care system we are currently developing the values and behaviours by which we should lead in London. We begin with how to make the NHS the best place to work and how creating a better leadership culture is critical to that change. As part of this process we are developing a set of values for the leadership of the NHS in London. Through this we have identified the 'core' values we currently hold and our 'aspirational' values we are aiming to align to in the next 12 months. In addition, we have also agreed that there are 'various accidental values and behaviours' that we all see in the system and wish to eradicate. Finally, we have identified our 'permission to play' values.

These are not intended to replace individual organisational values, but to complement them. The values will set a clear expectation of how we will work together and hold each other to account as the leadership community to deliver the London vision. These values are still in development and have been shared with chairs and CEOs across the NHS in London. We have included these, in more detail, for information for chair candidates. Our expectation is that over time these will be incorporated into job descriptions and will be used in personal development plans and objectives.

Appendix 1: More information

For information about the Trust, such as business plans, annual reports, and services, visit their website at www.whittington.nhs.uk

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: 10 March 2020 at 11am.** Please forward your completed application to NHSI.Chairsandneds@nhs.net
- **interview date: week commencing 6 April 2020 (date to be confirmed)**
- **proposed start date: to be confirmed**

Getting in touch

- We strongly recommend an informal and confidential discussion with Anu Singh, the interim Chair of the trust. Please contact her on anusingh@nhs.net (email) or 020 7288 5968 (phone)
- **NHS Improvement** – for general enquiries contact Leslie Horn on 0300 123 2057 or by emailing leslie.horn@nhs.net

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