

No week is ever the same for a Non-Executive Director

“The role of a Non-Executive Director is varied and diverse. Of course, there are core elements; attendance at Board meetings (a monthly commitment), sub-Committee meetings (once a month) and Council of Governor meetings (a quarterly commitment) as well as key annual milestones including the Annual Members’ Meeting and Celebrating Success staff achievement awards. But beyond these commitments, each Non-Executive Director actively contributes to the leadership of the Trust; from participating in recruitment panel interviews to working with clinicians on investigative reports, from chairing or attending key governance committees to meeting with staff in their workplace to talk about the issues which they face in their day to day work.

Some weeks you may find yourself in the Trust a number of times, other weeks Non-Executive Directors may find they have no commitments. By definition, Non-Executive Directors are flexible and adaptable; by nature they are curious, but not obsessed with detail. They are excellent communicators, but more importantly good listeners. They bring experience and wisdom to the Trust, but recognise what they don’t know. Most importantly of all, Non-Executive Directors care deeply about the quality of the services our Trust provides to patients and service users.

What could be more important than being part of a smart, committed Board of professionals, who are totally committed to shaping the current and future delivery of health services in our area?

It’s a fast moving environment - and no week is ever the same!”