



Sussex Community  
NHS Foundation Trust

*join us*

Get involved in your local  
community NHS



# ABOUT SUSSEX COMMUNITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

We are the main provider of NHS community health and care services across West Sussex, Brighton & Hove and the High Weald, Lewes and Havens area of East Sussex, covering a population of around 1.3 million.

As the largest community health and care provider in Sussex, our vision is to provide excellent care at the heart of the community.

## WHAT WE PROVIDE

Our expert teams provide essential medical, nursing and therapeutic care to over 9,000 adults, children and families every day and we employ around 5,500 people.

From our health visitors looking after new born babies, to our community practitioners caring for people nearing the end of their life, we look after some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

## WHAT ARE FOUNDATION TRUSTS AND HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

As a Foundation Trust we are still part of the NHS but have a greater freedom to plan ahead and develop services needed by local people.

Foundation Trusts have control over the money they receive, meaning all the money coming in, including any savings we make, go into improving services. But the real difference is that we are directly accountable to the people who use our services.

## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Our members are people who live in West Sussex, Brighton & Hove and High Weald, Lewes and Havens, who have been a patient or service user, or have an interest in what we do. Members must be aged 12 years or over.

As a member, you decide what you want to do and how much you want to be involved. You do not have to attend meetings unless you want to. Here are some of the ways you might want to get involved:

- Tell us where we should reinvest any surpluses that we make to improve patient care.
- Tell us what is good and what is not so good about the care you have received from us.
- Vote for your local Governor to represent your views.

## WHO ARE OUR GOVERNORS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

As a Foundation Trust we have a Council of Governors which have been elected by our members. There are three types of Governors:

- Public Elected Governors
- Staff Elected Governors
- Appointed Governors

The Governors have a responsibility to represent the views of our members and to hold our Board of Directors to account.

# IF I SIGN UP AS A MEMBER, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Membership is free – all we ask is that you complete our membership form and send it back to us.

**By post:** Membership Office, Level 3, Jevington Building,  
Brighton General Hospital, Brighton BN2 3EW

**By email:** [sc-tr.sctmembership@nhs.net](mailto:sc-tr.sctmembership@nhs.net)

**Or complete our online form:** <http://bit.ly/scftmembers>

- The personal details you give help us ensure we have a membership which is representative of our local community.
- When we receive your form you will be sent more information about the Governors, how to contact them and the latest edition of the membership newsletter.
- Depending on how much you can and want to do, you can take part in questionnaires and surveys, and attend members' meetings to help plan future services.





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



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## Contact details

(Remember you must be 12 or over). \* Denotes required fields

|   |                       |            |
|---|-----------------------|------------|
| Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other:   | DOB (minimum age 12): | dd/mm/yyyy |
| First Name *:   |                       |            |
| Surname *:  |                       |            |
| Address *:  |                       |            |
|   | Postcode *:           |            |
| Telephone Number *:   |                       |            |
| Mobile Number:  |                       |            |
| Email *:  |                       |            |
| Preferred method of contact (please tick): <input type="radio"/> Email <input type="radio"/> Post <input type="radio"/> Phone |                       |            |

## Ethnicity

## Involvement

Please tick your ethnic group:

- ☐ White
- ☐ Mixed ethnicity
- ☐ Asian/Asian British
- ☐ Black/Black British

Other (please specify)

Please tick your level of involvement:

- ☐ **Be informed**
- Receive regular newsletter and updates
  - Receive regular communications
  - Receive an invitation to the Annual Members' Meeting
- ☐ **Be involved** (plus be informed)
- Participate in surveys, questionnaires, consultations
  - Participate in focus/discussion/advisory groups
  - Be involved in volunteering for the Trust
- ☐ **Take a lead** (plus be informed and involved)
- Encourage new members to join the Trust
  - Invitation to stand for election as a governor to represent the views of your constituency, raising views on behalf of members
  - Collect and feedback the views of your constituency
  - Attend formal meetings of the Council of Governors

## Sign and date

Signature \*:

Date:

Please sign and return this form to:

**Membership Office**  
**Level 3, Jevington Building**  
**Brighton General Hospital**  
**Brighton BN2 3EW**

## Declaration:

Please sign and date this form to apply to become a member of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust. I agree to be bound by the rules of the organisation and I understand that the processing of my information is for the purpose of the Trust to meet the legal requirements set out in UK law, or exercise the official authority established for a Foundation Trust as a public body. I also understand that my personal information will only be used in relation to my membership of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust and not shared elsewhere. If you are under 16 your parent/guardian will need to sign this form on your behalf.

## ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This information can be made available in alternative formats, such as easy read or large print, and may be available in alternative languages, upon request. Please email [scftcommunications@nhs.net](mailto:scftcommunications@nhs.net) or call 01273 696011 and ask to speak with our communications team.

## DATA PROTECTION

The data you supply will be used only to contact you about the Trust, membership or other related issues, and will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection Regulations. Full details are available at: [www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk](http://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk)

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## JOIN THE CONVERSATION



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