Nominations invited for LPT Council of Governors

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, which provides community health, mental health and learning disability services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, is holding elections for its Council of Governors.

LPT has applied to become an NHS Foundation Trust and the Council of Governors will be the "voice" of the local community within the Foundation Trust, working alongside the LPT Board of Directors to ensure the views of members and the wider community are represented.

The Trust is inviting nominations from its staff and public members respectively for four staff governors, and for 16 public governors from the following constituencies: Blaby, Charnwood (two vacancies), Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth, Melton, North West Leicestershire, Oadby and Wigston, Rutland, Leicester city (six vacancies) and one place from outside the area.

Anyone aged 16 or older, who is a member of the Trust, can nominate themselves for election to represent the constituency they live in.

Nominations opened on Monday 30 July and will close on Tuesday 28 August 2012. Voting will take place between 19 September and 12 October 2012. The election is being conducted independently, on the Trust's behalf, by Electoral Reform Services Limited.

Forms for nominations are available from the returning officer, Caroline Hinchcliffe, via post, email or phone: Please write to Electoral Reform Services Limited, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 ONW, ring 0208 889 9203 or email: caroline.hinchcliffe@electoralreform.co.uk
Non-members who would like to join the Trust’s 9,400 public membership before the closing date for nominations will also be eligible for election. Membership is free and open to anyone aged 16 or over.

Membership application forms are available from the LPT membership office on 0800 0132 530 or by e-mailing membership@leicspart.nhs.uk. You can also apply online through the LPT website at www.leicspart.nhs.uk (under the members section).

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Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a membership of more than 9,400, a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information please visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

   Our mission: To advance health and wellbeing for you and your community
   Our vision: To become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence.

2. Vast numbers of people from the communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland use LPT services every day and the Trust wants to ensure they are able to have a say in how services are delivered. We are dedicated to ensuring that our members are a community of influence and able to be as involved as they would like to be. Becoming a member is a way to ensure people are kept up to date about our plans and given the chance to provide their views on any proposals for changes.

   There are a number of ways members can get involved in the work of the Trust. Some members have registered their interest in helping us with our PEAT (Patient Environment Action Team) inspections. Others have taken part in our Essence of Care audits which look at the quality of care patients’ experience. Our members regularly receive invitations to participate in consultations and events.

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