

Council of Governors Community Governor Introduction

The Council of Governors (COG) is a legal element of the Care Plus Group (CPG) governance structure and aims to act as a link between CPG members and the Board of Directors.

The COG comprises of eight staff members, at least four of which are employed in a non-managerial role and four community members including a volunteer member.

The Council of Governors currently has two vacancies for Community Governors. The term of office is for three-years. Community Governors are elected by the Care Plus Group service-user and volunteer membership. This position is not remunerated.

You do not need any particular skills or experience but a passion for making Care Plus Group services better. A commitment to involving a wide range of people will help you enormously. The Community Member Governor elected will be working alongside Staff Governors and other Community Governors.

As a Governor you will play a very important role in our organisation. You will:

- Act as a link between the local community and the Council of Governors;
- Represent the community and act as an ambassador for both the Society and the local community;
- Help us make sure that the views of the community are heard at Council of Governor level;
- Help us plan for the future;
- Appoint or remove the Chair and Non-Executive Directors;
- Act as a link between the Council of Governors and our community members;
- Talk to members and to work with Non-Executive Directors from time to time.

As a Governor, you will get the opportunity:

- To bring new ideas about how services can be improved and provided in ways that meet the needs of the community it serves;
- To discuss strategic plans and new developments;
- To share information about key decisions with other community members;
- To develop membership and represent the interests of members of the local community;
- To act as a representative for the welfare of the organisation, ensuring that the Society operates in the best interests of the community of North East Lincolnshire;
- To appoint and set the pay levels for the Chair and Non-Executive Directors;
- To receive the Society's annual report and accounts.

A Governor is expected to attend the bi-monthly (6 per year) Council of Governor Meetings and the Annual Members' Meeting. Meetings are usually held at the Care Plus Group Headquarters (Val Waterhouse Centre, Kent Street, Grimsby) although they may also be held virtually. Time will also be required to read papers provided for each meeting. In addition there may be opportunities to attend other meetings and events. For your information, the dates of forthcoming Council of Governors meetings are attached.

We will provide you with the training and support you need to undertake this role.

If you would like to contact any of the Governors to find out more about the role please email CPG.COG@nhs.net