

# Members' Newsletter

## Edition 6 – February 2025

### Message from Sheila Hillhouse, Lead Public Governor



Welcome to edition 6 of the Members' Newsletter. Governors held their last Council of Governors meeting on 10 February.

We received a presentation from the Chief Strategy Officer on the 2024/25 strategic priorities as part of the Trust 2021-26 Strategy. Governors were pleased to see excellent progress on projects and the beneficial impact on patients and staff.

The Chief Strategy Officer also gave a presentation on the 100 Day Plan following completion of the Wirral System Review Report.

The Plan commenced in November 2024 and will conclude in April 2025, with a focus on several key areas for integration between the Wirral Community Health and Care (WCHC) NHS Foundation Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH) NHS Foundation Trust.

The Trust Constitution will be amended to allow for it to exercise joint working/joint committee powers.

At the meeting Governors also received important Committee updates from members of the Board of Directors on key issues facing the Trust. Governors had the opportunity to ask questions about these key issues.

WUTH and WCHC Governors held a 'meet and greet' event at St Catherines Community Centre. It was a great opportunity for Governors to get to know each other over a cup of tea and cake. We will be holding a joint Governor development session in March to further enhance working together across our organisations.

You can find your constituency Governor, previous Council of Governors meeting documents and future meeting dates on our dedicated Members website, <https://www.wuth.nhs.uk/members/>

If you have any questions or would like to contact your constituency Governor about a matter, get in touch via [wuth.trust-secretary@nhs.net](mailto:wuth.trust-secretary@nhs.net).

### Patient Experience

The Patient Experience Strategy is all about responding to patient and carer feedback, there are several ways that you can get involved and we would love to hear from you. If you would like to get involved or would like more information email [wuth.corporatenursing@nhs.net](mailto:wuth.corporatenursing@nhs.net) or call 0151 604 7004.

### Urgent and Emergency Care Upgrade Programme (UECUP) Newsletter

The new urgent and emergency care facility at Arrowe Park Hospital continues to make remarkable progress. The Christmas 2025 newsletter is available to read [here](#).

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### News from around the Trust



A Wirral patient has shared how a cutting-edge digital app helped him prepare for and recover from knee replacement surgery at the Cheshire and Merseyside Surgical Centre.

Robert Lundy, 71, from Irby, underwent the procedure at the state-of-the-art facility at Clatterbridge Hospital in June 2024. As part of his treatment, he used the MyMobility app, a digital care management platform designed to support patients before and after surgery.

Rob, an active volunteer, was struggling with knee pain that had worsened over time. After trying physiotherapy and cortisone injections, he was referred for surgery at the Cheshire and Merseyside Surgical Centre, which specialises in planned procedures.



The Trust spotlighted its commitment to supporting the autistic community for Autism Sunday on 9 February.

Autism Sunday takes place on the second Sunday of February each year, raising awareness of autism, a neurodevelopmental difference that some people have which means their brain works in a different way from other people.

Staff are working hard to ensure they understand and accommodate the needs of autistic people who must attend hospital, by seeking feedback direct from patients who come into the hospital, and via its Patient Experience Team who are running workshops, called patient promise groups, with the autistic community.



The Trust has been named as one of ten 'spoke' sites for a new NIHR Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC) which will bring cutting-edge clinical research to communities in Cheshire and Merseyside.

The new CRDC has been announced as part of the NHS 10-year health plan, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced plans to establish 20 CRDCs, giving patients access to pioneering clinical trials and treatments in record time.

The Wirral Research and Innovation Centre has brand new facilities for delivering research studies which ensure the experience of research participants is smooth, pleasant and safe.