

Members' Newsletter

Edition 8 – September 2025

Message from Sheila Hillhouse, Lead Public Governor



Welcome to edition 8 of the Members' Newsletter. Governors held their last Council of Governors meeting on 31 July.

Governors heard from the Chief Operating Officer who provided a presentation on the Urgent and Emergency Care Upgrade Programme (UECUP). Governors were pleased to see the transformation and the benefits it will bring to staff and patients once completed.

Governors also heard from the Joint Chief People Officer who gave an overview of the highlights and areas for improvement from the 2024 NHS staff survey results. Governors acknowledged the three focus areas were improvement for all, staff safety and reporting concerns.

During the meeting Governors were given Committee updates from members of the Board on key issues and opportunities facing the Trust. Governors asked several questions and were provided with good assurance on the plans in place to address these issues.

During July WUTH and WCHC Governors held a further joint development session following the session in March. This focused on the integration between the Wirral Community Health and Care (WCHC) NHS Foundation Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH) NHS Foundation Trust.

Looking forward several Governors will be participating in the Cheshire and Merseyside Governor Symposium on 19 September 2025.

This is the first symposium to be held across the country which has been arranged by the lead governors across Cheshire and Merseyside. The agenda includes a series of excellent speakers covering local and national issues. It will also provide an excellent opportunity for governors to meet face to face and discuss issues that are relevant to them and provide an opportunity to share good practice across the region.

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.

2025 Council of Governor elections

Thank you to the members who came forward to apply for a Governor role and voted in the election. The results of the election will be publicised in the next newsletter.

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News from around the Trust



WUTH has joined forces with laboratory specialist BioGrad to support an exciting new research project that could help transform the future of regenerative medicine and cancer care across the UK.

The initiative, now available through the maternity service, is inviting pregnant people to donate their baby's umbilical cord after birth. These cord blood and tissue samples will be used in ground-breaking research into a wide range of health conditions.



A volunteer at WUTH has shared how his passion for music is helping to bring comfort to patients. Larry Weller, aged 74, presents a weekly show on Radio Clatterbridge, the hospital's radio station based on site at Clatterbridge Hospital.

National News

The Government's 10 Year Health Plan for England has been launched, setting out a bold, ambitious and necessary new course for the NHS. The plan fundamentally reinvents the approach to healthcare so that we can guarantee the NHS will be there for all who need it for generations to come.

You can read the plan on the [Government's website](#).

Patient Experience

The Patient Experience Strategy is all about responding to patient and carer feedback. There are several ways that you can get involved, these include:

- Join one of our promise group, where we look at ways to improve experience
- Complete a survey
- Tell us your hospital experience story
- Attend a workshop
- Follow us on social media @patientWuth on all platform

If you would like to get involved or would like more information, please email wuth.corporatenursing@nhs.net or call 0151 604 7004. We would love to hear from you!

Charity

The Charity Team have several forthcoming events upcoming. If you would like any information or would like to get involved, please contact the Charity Team by email wuth.charity@nhs.net.