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Thanks to NHS governor for her service

One of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's long-serving public governors, Pat Anthony, will step down in December when she comes to the end of her term in office.

Mrs Anthony, of South Shields, joined the Council of Governors in 2006, soon after the Trust was granted Foundation status in 2005.

Trust Chairman Peter Davidson said: "Our governors are the voice of local people, helping us to ensure that we provide the services that patients themselves want. Pat, with her passion for her local community and local NHS services, has been a fantastic governor and I'd like to thank her for the commitment and support which she has given us."

Mrs Anthony qualified as a nurse and a midwife and worked in South Tyneside for about 20 years before changing career, doing a BEd (Hons) degree and going into the field of education. She taught in nursery schools, was officer in charge of a Social Services' Family Centre in South Shields and then became a Senior Lecturer and Section Leader of the Nursery Nurse training section at Newcastle College. She retired in 1993 due to ill health but has continued to work for her local community. She was a magistrate in South Tyneside and a marriage guidance counsellor for Relate before becoming a Trust public governor.

Grandmother Mrs Anthony said: "I have really enjoyed being a public governor and I have found it very rewarding. It is good to feel part of something as important as our local health services and to have an interest in what is happening in them. I particularly liked visiting the teams in the Trust's various services and seeing at first-hand what they do."

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Pictured above: Pat Anthony

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