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## Opportunity to shape health services

An exciting opportunity is available for people with an interest in health to join the Council of Governors of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust.

Vacancies currently exist for public governors to bring their experience as a member of their local community to Council discussions and to help shape the future of healthcare.

The Trust provides hospital services in South Tyneside and community health services in Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland and requires four new governors in South Tyneside, two for Sunderland and two for Gateshead. Only Trust members are eligible to stand as governors. The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 24th, and the results will be declared at the Trust Annual Members' Meeting on Monday, December 5th.

Special sessions have been arranged for those interested in standing for election to find out more about the role.

The awareness sessions are as follows:

Tuesday, October 11th, 3.30pm, Meeting Room L2-057, Felling Health Centre, Stephenson Terrace, Gateshead, NE10 9QG

Wednesday, October 12th, 3.30pm, Committee Room, Education Centre, South Tyneside District Hospital, Harton Lane, South Shields, NE34 0PL

Thursday, October 13th, 3.30pm, Library, Riverview Health Centre, Borough Rd, Sunderland, SR1 2HJ

All members will receive a Notice of Election letter from Electoral Reform Services in early October telling them how to apply. Further information about the Council of Governors is available on the Trust website at

<https://www.stft.nhs.uk/about/council-of-governors> or you can ring the Membership Office on 0191 202 4121 or email [MembershipOffice.STFT@stft.nhs.uk](mailto:MembershipOffice.STFT@stft.nhs.uk) to find out more about becoming a governor or a member.

If you have any queries about the election process, please contact Electoral Reform Services on 020 8365 8909 or email [Ciara.norris@electoralreform.co.uk](mailto:Ciara.norris@electoralreform.co.uk)

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