

Non-Executive Directors, Wessex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Location: Hungerford

Job type: Permanent

Sector: Health

Salary/Remuneration: £14,300

Company: Wessex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

About Us

Wessex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (WPFT) is an NHS community and mental health provider trust. We deliver care to people at home, or in a hospital, to improve their physical and mental health. We also provide specialist support to people with dementia and a learning disability. Around 4,000 dedicated people work within our organisation. They include doctors, nurses, therapists, administrators, and support staff. We work in people's homes, in community clinics and bases. Some staff work from our 12 community hospitals.

Just over 532,000 people call Wessex home. The number of people we can support increases dramatically when people come here on holiday, and we work closely with colleagues in social care and our acute hospitals. As beautiful as Wessex is, we face significant challenges: 140,000 of us live with long term conditions, 25% of us are over 65 and the disparity in health outcomes is widening. These challenges are complex but provide opportunities for new ways of working to deliver excellent care.

We have a clear focus on our ambitions and what we want to achieve. As an organisation, our vision is: **delivering high quality care** underpinned by strategic objectives and care values. There is much to be proud of with our regulator the Care Quality Commission rating us as "outstanding" for "caring" and our child and adolescent mental health ward as "good", recognising that our Trust leadership demonstrated awareness of the priorities and challenges facing the trust and had acted at pace during the pandemic.

We do not, however, underestimate the scale of the challenges ahead for us and all our NHS colleagues as we, in particular, focus on recruitment and retention to ensure that our services are delivered safely and to a high quality, and our staff have enjoyable, safe and fulfilling work lives. The restoration of our services continues, as does our focus on quality improvement but we will only deliver the NHS Long Term Plan through innovation and working differently. To achieve this we are developing ever closer working and integration with our partners in the Wessex Integrated Care System (ICS) and across the wider South West Region, in order to provide the very best outcomes for our population.

The Opportunity

It is an exciting time to join us as a Non-Executive Director, a role of significant scope and profile that has the chance to impact the lives of the people we serve. We are looking for a number of exceptional people with, ideally, a background in one or more of the following: commercial, human resources, finance, clinical practice, education or organisational development.

With significant leadership or board experience, drawn from complex highly regulated public facing organisations, you will live in, or have close connections with, Wessex. You will have the highest standards of personal integrity and will also be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of, and alignment to, our values. You will need to be a strategic thinker who will understand the challenges of operating as part of a unitary board in a complex public facing organisation.

We want our Board to provide a broad spectrum of lived experience and are keen to attract candidates who can bring diverse perspectives. We welcome expressions of interest from the widest possible range of backgrounds, particularly those who are under-represented at Board level in the NHS.

If you are excited by the potential of working as part of our Board and help us to realise our ambitions, then we look forward to receiving your application and meeting with you in due course.

To apply, click on the button below.

To discuss further, please contact Tim Smith, Julia Jones or Maria Beardsley at Medcare Recruitment on 07999 911999

To view the job description and person specification, please scroll to the bottom of the page, tick to agree to the privacy policy, then click 'Continue to full details'.

How to Apply

- Please submit an up to date copy of your CV, completed fit and proper person form, along with the completed candidate application questions and Supporting Statement that addresses the criteria set out in the person specification, using examples to demonstrate how you meet the essential requirements.
- Detail any employment or education gaps.
- You should also provide the names, positions, organisations and contact details for two referees; one should be your current or most recent employer. Referees will be contacted for those proceeding to final stages. We will always gain your permission before we contact referees.
- Let us know any difficulty you may have with the indicative timetable.
- Check that your contact details are correct before you submit.

Fit and Proper Person Form