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Would you like to be a Governor at Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust?



What is a Governor?

- Governors are people interested in Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and the services we provide.
- Governors are people who use our services or care for someone who uses them.
- Governors are people who live in England.
- Governors are members of Oxleas.
- Members vote to choose governors.



Can I be a Governor?

If you can answer 'Yes' to the following, you can put yourself forward to be a Governor.



- I am an Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust member.
- I am aged 16 years or over.
- I am able to be a Governor for the next three years.
- I will attend a meeting to learn what a Governor does.
- I will take part in training.
- I will attend Council of Governors meetings four times a year.
- I may have to read lots of information but will ask for help if I need it.
- I will ask questions at meetings.
- I am able to listen to everyone's ideas whether I agree or not.
- I enjoy meeting and helping people.



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How can I become a Governor?

- We will tell you when you can apply to be a Governor.
- You can then put yourself forward as a Governor.
- If more than one person puts themselves forward, the members in your group will vote to choose which person they would like to be their Governor.



Would you like to talk to someone about becoming a Governor?

- You can call 01322 625752
- email oxl-tr.governors@nhs.net
- You can find information about Governors on Oxleas website www.oxleas.nhs.uk/governors



Not a member but would like to be?

- You can complete an application form and send this to us.
- Membership application forms are available in our services
- You can call 0300 123 1541 to ask for a form.
- You can join online at www.oxleas.nhs.uk/oxleas-members
- To be a member you must be aged 14 years or over.
- You must live in England to be Public member.
- You must have used Oxleas Services within the last 5 years to be a Service User member.
- You must have cared for someone who has used Oxleas services within the last 5 years to be a Carer member.



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