





# Young People – Become a Member of **Manchester University NHS Foundation** Trust (MFT)

Corporate Services

We believe that good health services are vital to every local community and that our hospitals provide a high quality healthcare service to the people of Manchester, Trafford, Greater Manchester and the North West that we can all be proud of.

## **Benefits of being an NHS Foundation Trust**

As a Foundation Trust, we are directly accountable to our members (patients, carers, local people, staff etc.), local communities and other organisations that have an interest in health.

As a valued Young Member of our Trust, you would have a very real opportunity, through your elected representatives (Governors), to shape our future and ensure services are developed that best meet your and your family's needs.

As a Trust with a large Children's Hospital, we are conscious that young people need a way to express their views and we have developed our relationship with the Trust's Youth Forum to ensure that young people are represented on our Council of Governors.

### Benefits of being a Young Member of our NHS **Foundation Trust**

#### Members are given a voice with their views and opinions being valued their support and involvement is vital to our future success.

Membership is completely free and is open to anyone who lives in England and Wales who is aged 11 years or over (please ask the permission of your parents/guardians to become a Member if you are under 18).

Once a Member, you choose how much you want to be involved. For example, you may just want to vote for representatives (Governors) during the election process, and receive regular and exclusive membership information (event invitations, newsletters and updates).

Or you may want to be more involved by standing as a Governor during the election process (if aged 16 years or over), attending unique Membership Meetings and Health Promotional Events or participating in short surveys/ questionnaires.

As a young member, you may also be interested in joining the Trust's Youth Forum or, if aged 16 years or over, becoming a Trust Volunteer? Maybe you're interested in finding out about NHS Careers or the Trust's fundraising activities? Or you may want to join in the fun and activities by attending our Young People's Event (usually held each year around late June) where you can find out more about our NHS Foundation Trust and the many involvement opportunities we provide? All of these opportunities and activities are open to our Young Members.





**University Dental Hospital of Manchester** 







Manchester **Roval Infirmary** 

Saint Mary's

Hospital



#### Membership Representatives (Governors)

Members decide who will join our Council of Governors by voting for the people that they feel best represents their views and opinions.

Elections for Governors are usually held every year (usually around Summer/ Autumn). Eligible members are informed of the election process and are invited to stand for election, with newly elected or re-elected Governors starting in their Governor role at our Annual/Special Members' Meeting. More information about our Membership Meetings, Events and our Governor Elections can be found on our 'Governors and Members' webpage https://mft.nhs.uk/the-trust/governors-and-members/

#### How to Become a Member of our NHS Foundation Trust

We have big plans for our hospitals and your support and involvement is important to our future success. Be part of it and become a Member by completing an application form which can be found on our website www.mft.nhs.uk and click the 'Become a Member of our Trust – Membership Form' button.

Alternatively, contact the Foundation Trust Membership Office to request a paper application form (contact details below).

### **Contacting the Foundation Trust Membership Office**

The Foundation Trust Membership Office will be able to assist if you have any queries in relation to Membership or Governors and can be contacted via the following methods:

By Post:

Freepost Plus RRBR-AXBU-XTZT, MFT NHS Trust, Oxford Road. Manchester M13 9WL

By Phone:

0161 276 8661 (office hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday; answering machine outside these hours)

By E-mail:

ft.enquiries@mft.nhs.uk

#### **Translation and Interpretation Service**

#### Do you have difficulty speaking or understanding English?

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你有困難講英語或明白英語嗎? (CANTONESE)

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