

# Members' Newsletter

## Edition 7 – May 2025

### Message from Sheila Hillhouse, Lead Public Governor



Welcome to edition 7 of the Members' Newsletter. Governors held their last Council of Governors meeting on 1 May.

Governors heard from the Director of Estates, Facilities & Capital Planning about the Trust's Green and Sustainable Plan to deliver net zero by 2040. Governors were pleased to find out about the opportunities to reduce emissions from nitrous oxide, food waste and the heat decarbonization plan.

Governors also heard from the Chief Strategy Officer who provided a further update on the integration between the Wirral Community Health and Care (WCHC) NHS Foundation Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH) NHS Foundation Trust. Governors agreed about the benefits of both Trusts coming together to improve healthcare services for people in our communities.

As part of this programme of integration and for the foreseeable future WUTH and WCHC will hold their respective Public Board meetings together.

As usual Governors also received important Committee updates from members of the Board on key issues and opportunities facing the Trust. Governors had the opportunity to ask questions about these key topics.

Looking forward several Governors will be participating in the NHS Providers Governor Focus Conference in May. WUTH and WCHC Governors will also meet in July for a joint development session, to further enhance working together across our organisations.

You can find your constituency Governor, previous Council of Governors meeting documents and future meeting dates on our dedicated Members website, <https://www.wuth.nhs.uk/members/>

If you have any questions or would like to contact your constituency Governor about a matter, get in touch via [wuth.trust-secretary@nhs.net](mailto:wuth.trust-secretary@nhs.net).

### 2025 Council of Governor elections

Do you want to make a difference and support our Trust by putting your name forward to be a Governor. Governor elections will be taking place later in the year. Watch out for future communications with more information and how to apply.

### Charity

The Charity Team have several forthcoming events upcoming, including the Wirral Coastal Walk on Sunday 6 July. If you would like any information or would like to get involved, please contact the Charity Team by email [wuth.charity@nhs.net](mailto:wuth.charity@nhs.net).

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### News from around the Trust



The charity IncuBabies has donated £300,000 towards the refurbishment of the Neonatal Unit at Arrowe Park Hospital.

Members of the charity have generously given their time to fundraise for the unit and the funds were presented to the hospital ahead of the refurbishment work which is set to start this spring.

This refurbishment will include expansion of the neonatal unit and enhanced parent facilities. It will improve facilities for its smallest patients and their families.



A stroke victim whose life was saved thanks to her pet pug is helping others by taking part in a stroke research trial at WUTH.

Carole Clayton, age 77 from Willaston, came downstairs one morning to feed her pug dog, Tilly, when she suffered a severe stroke.

Luckily Carole's daughter, Alexandra, was staying with her to help tend a wound dressing for Tilly following the dog's recent operation, or things could have turned out very differently.

Carole is now helping other stroke victims by taking part in a stroke clinical research trial at WUTH called LIBREXIA. This trial is to show the safety and benefits of a new blood thinning pill, Milvexian, in preventing recurrent strokes for patients who have had an acute ischemic stroke



A volunteer (and Public Governor) at WUTH has shared his inspiring story as a living organ donor as part of Living Kidney Donation Week.

Paul Dixon, aged 77, began his journey into organ donation in the 1970s, when a simple blood donation sparked a lifelong commitment to helping others

He donated his left kidney on his 65th birthday through the NHS's paired/pooled donation scheme. This scheme allows living donors to "swap" kidneys, helping two patients receive life-saving transplants when a direct match is not possible.

To find out more about becoming a living kidney donor, visit

[www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk)