

Associate Governor (Young People)

An exciting new opportunity has been created for an Associate Governor (Young People) at St George's University NHS Foundation Trust.

The Associate Governor (Young People) will be mentored to learn about governance through shadowing members of the Council of Governors and you will be given the opportunity to develop your collaboration and public speaking skills. You will also have a key role in promoting membership of the Trust among 16-25 year olds, who are currently under-represented.

It is expected that the post will take about least 5 hours of time every month, with flexibility around your other obligations. As an Associate Governor, this is a non-voting role and, as with all governors, you will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct.

This is a voluntary post for one year starting in February 2025, renewable for one year. You are eligible to apply if you will be aged between 18-25 on 1 February 2025 and resident in England & Wales

The deadline for applications is 9 December 2024 at 10am. If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to an informal interview so that we can talk about what you might get from the role and how you can contribute to the Council of Governors.



You can find out more about the work of governors on our [website](#), using the QR code below, which also has details of how to apply. Or you can contact governors@stgeorges.nhs.uk



Associate Governor (Young People) Role Description

Background and Context

NHS Foundation Trusts are increasingly recognising the importance of involving young people in governance to ensure services are reflective of the communities they serve. Engaging young people in governance roles can enhance accountability and bring fresh perspectives to the Trust's strategic planning.

Purpose of Scheme

Our Associate Governor (Young People) Scheme is designed to:

- Provide young people with an opportunity to engage with and understand NHS governance.
- Ensure that the views and needs of younger community members are considered in Trust decisions.
- Develop leadership skills among young participants, preparing them for future roles in public service.
- Advance our strategic objective of increasing membership among 16-25 year olds.

Who Qualifies

Individuals aged 18-25 who are members of the community served by St George's Hospital Trust. Candidates should demonstrate an interest in healthcare, governance, or community service.

The role and duties of the Associate Governor (Young People)

- The Associate Governor (Young People) will attend Council of Governors meetings and other meetings or visits deemed of interest. From this they will learn about the Governor role such as holding non-executive directors accountable, representing the interests of trust members and the public, and engaging with the wider community.
- They will be involved in specific projects or committees relevant to youth interests.
- They will be encouraged to engage and increase youth membership.
- They will be a source of informal advice from a youth perspective.

Support for the role

- The role will be supported by a lead mentor from amongst the governors and a dedicated programme coordinator within the Trust.
- Regular meetings and feedback sessions will be held to ensure the scheme meets its objectives.
- A structured program of activities and learning opportunities will be provided.

Associate Governor (Young People) Application

We are delighted that you are interested in our newly created Associate Governor (Young People) role. So that we can learn more about you and why you are interested in the role please provide the following information:

Full Name:
Preferred Name:
Date of Birth:
Address:

Email:
Telephone:
How would you like us to contact you?

Why are you interested in being involved in the NHS at St George's Hospital?
(150 words max)

What skills do you already have that you think would make you a good Associate Governor (Young People) (150 words max)

What skills would you like to develop if you were appointed to this role? (150 words max)

This role will take about 5 hours a month with occasional in person meetings – if you are currently studying or in work, please explain how you this role would fit with that (150 words max).

Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your application? (150 words max)

Please send your completed application to: governors@stgeorges.nhs.uk by 10am on Monday 9 December 2024.