

Foundation Trust Membership

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits?

As a member of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust you will receive regular **newsletters** and **e-bulletins**, as well as invitations to **Members' Events** at the hospital. You will have access to a range of **discounts** only usually available to NHS staff (further details are available on the Trust's website). Members can **vote** for Governors in their constituency to represent their views, or can choose to **stand for election** as a Governor. Membership also provides you with the chance to provide **feedback** to the hospital and is a means of showing your **support** for the Trust.

How much does it cost?

Membership, and all Members' Events, are **FREE**.

How much time will I need to give?

We recognise that not all our members wish to take an active role in membership. We value all our members, whether you wish to attend events at the hospital or simply receive our newsletter to keep up to date. **There is no time commitment required.**

How will my personal details be used?

The Trust will only use the information you supply to contact you in relation to membership. Your details will be stored on a secure database. If you supply your email address we will send you two newsletters and two e-bulletins a year, plus occasional emails regarding members' events or local health-related matters that may be of interest. If you only supply your postal address, we will simply mail you two newsletters a year. We will only share your information with those directly connected to membership – such as the company who print and mail our newsletters – and we will never sell or share your data with other third parties.

How do I join?

You can sign-up online via the Membership page of the Trust's website www.dchft.nhs.uk, by email foundation@dchft.nhs.uk, or by telephone 01305 255419.