

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 26 October 2023

As a valued member of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, I would like to invite you to the Trust's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held on Thursday 26 October.

In addition to presenting the Trust's Annual Report and Accounts to Governors and members, the AGM provides a real opportunity for you to hear about our plans and performance and some of the many successful things happening within the Trust. Much of this will be showcased through our Health Market Event, which is filled with a variety of stalls offering free information and advice on health related subjects and information on some of the Trust's exciting projects and services.

The meeting agenda and further papers will be available on our website. The Trust's Annual Report and Accounts provide information on the Trust's performance and financial position in 2022/23. The Annual Report also provides information on our quality of care and our priorities for improvement in the coming year. To ensure that the meeting runs to time we will have to place a limit on the number of questions that can be asked on the night, and I will take questions at random. The Board and I are, however, completely committed to answering questions for all our members and the public so, if a question cannot be asked on the night, we will take it in writing and respond to you personally and on our website.

Due to limited seating, we are operating the AGM as a ticketed event. Please register for tickets through Eventbrite (the link is on the Trust website). If you have difficulty booking, please contact our Foundation Trust Office through cdda-tr.foundation@nhs.net or by telephoning 01325 743625 and the team will be happy to assist.

Please let us know of any special requirements you may have. You are under no obligation to attend this meeting and it is **NOT** necessary to contact the Trust to tell us if you are not attending. I would, however, be delighted if you could find time to join us and meet some of our innovative teams who are delivering safe, compassionate and joined up care for our patients and the public we serve

Finally, I confirm this meeting is open to the general public and you are of course welcome to share the details of how to access the meeting with your friends, carers and relatives.

I do hope that you will be able to participate.

Yours sincerely

Professor Richard Scothon
Chairman