

## **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 29 September 2021**

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 Wednesday 29 September. In order to abide by current guidance on Covid-19 for Hospitals and to help ensure the safety of you, our members, our staff, patients and the public, the meeting will be held virtually.

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. As well as enabling you to share your views with our Board and Governors.

The meeting agenda is enclosed 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 2020/21. The Annual Report also provides information on our quality of care and our priorities for improvement in the coming year.

The AGM provides the opportunity for you to ask questions of the Trust Board and I would ask that where possible, these are submitted in advance; details of how to do so are included on our AGM page on the Trust website. In addition, during the AGM there will be a live chat function which can be used to submit questions during the meeting. To ensure that the meeting runs to time we will have to place a limit on the number of questions that can be answered on the night. I will group questions where appropriate to be able to address as many of them as possible during the meeting. The Board and I are, however, completely committed to answering questions for all our members and the public so, if there is not enough time to answer the questions received on the night, we will answer them in writing via our AGM page on the Trust website.

I would be delighted if you could find time to join us to hear about how we deliver 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 Paul Keane OBE**  
Chairman