JOHN'S STORY

Since 2013 it has been my privilege to serve as one of the elected Governors for Adur on the Council of Governors, to represent the views of members and to ensure the accountability of the Trust to the community. This year the Trust has coped with unprecedented numbers of patients despite continuing financial pressures and despite all this has maintained all the principles underpinning quality of care.

I have represented Adur members interests with regular attendances meetings, including those of Board and Governors. I have taken part in inspections including mock CQC assessments, Sit and See, I serve on the team for the Patient Led Assessment of the Clinical Environment and sit on the Patient Experience committee.

I also serve on the selection team for the Employee of the Month Award and also for STARS – the annual awards for members of staff that deserve to be singled out for particular praise.

I have been a representative on the Ophthalmology User Group as a 'Patients Voice' in designing the redevelopment at Southlands.

I am currently involved with the Wayfinding group to redesign signage to be more patient friendly.
Being elected as a Governor has been very rewarding, but Governors can be as much or as little involved as they desire. The Board do encourage Governors to be involved, but governors cannot be involved in the day to day running of the hospitals.

Western Sussex Hospitals Foundation Trust is amongst the top performing Trusts and continues to improve year on year, so it has been for me a real pleasure to serve the community as a governor.