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WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO BECOME AN NHS GOVERNOR?

I became a governor after a serious road accident and was a patient at the hospital for a number of weeks during which time I witnessed first hand the excellent work and patient care that the hospital offered.

Having endured terrible pain I vowed to put something back as my way of saying thank you to all the consultants and staff who put me back on the long road to recovery.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND MOST REWARDING ABOUT THE ROLE?

Being a governor is a great honour especially for a hospital with a long history of outstanding patient care and a worldwide reputation for excellence in Orthopaedic medicine.

A most rewarding part has been being involved with the New Bone Cancer Unit & Ward Appeal and Approval process which has now finally developed from attending the Campaign for funding evening to the actual building nearing completion. Another area is to be the vital link between our hospital, trust members and patients within our local communities and being able to assist patients with advice and guidance on the hospital and its services.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE MADE AN IMPACT AS AN NHS GOVERNOR?

As governor we are the link to our communities in many ways and at a local level where we are involved in many areas. One area where we tasked by our chairman in 2014 was to recruit more younger members as well as older male members so we developed links with both Wrexham FC and Glyndwr University. In 2014 Wrexham FC won the FA Trophy so were arranged a trust members family evening were for £2 you could have your picture taken with the trophy with all proceeds going to the Bone Cancer Appeal we also signed up over 30 male members.

Also we attend Students Fresher's Week at Glyndwr University with our stand and we also get involved in programmes which become part of students final exam year programme. On a local level we get involved at local village fetes and local supermarket chains which have been highly successful due to the volume of foot flow and in 2014/15 we introduced our Friends and Family Membership which broadened our reach further.