

# Foundation Trust

## Staff Membership



Employees of West Suffolk Hospital automatically become staff members of the Foundation Trust, unless they choose to opt out.

**The following clarifies who is eligible to automatically become a staff member.**

They are staff who:

- hold a permanent contract,
- hold a fixed-term contract / honorary contract of at least 12 months,
- have been registered with West Suffolk Professionals for at least 12 months,

or

- have been registered Trust volunteers for at least 12 months.

Individuals that do not satisfy the above criteria are eligible to apply for membership if they have provided services for the Trust for at least 12 months\*. This could include staff with successive fixed-term contracts or working for other organisations providing services for the Trust.

For more information about Foundation Trust and the benefits of membership, visit the Trust website:

[www.wsh.nhs.uk](http://www.wsh.nhs.uk)

On leaving the Trust, individuals automatically transfer to public membership, subject to their remaining in the catchment area, unless they request not to do so.

\* **Membership application forms are available from the Foundation Trust office.**  
Email: [Foundationtrust@wsh.nhs.uk](mailto:Foundationtrust@wsh.nhs.uk) or call ext 2629.

*If you do not wish your name to be made available to the public in any register of members, please contact the Foundation Trust office.*

  
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