

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust Youth Forum Application Pack



We are recruiting
for members to our first
Hospital Youth Forum!

Closing date: 20 June 2019



About us

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust provides hospital-based services from three main sites - the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch, Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre, and Worcestershire Royal Hospital in Worcester.

We provide a wide range of services to a population of 580,000 people in Worcestershire as well as caring for patients from surrounding counties and further afield.

Last year we provided care to more than 238,905 different patients – that is 40% of the Worcestershire population that received care at one of our hospitals.

We saw 2,293 patients every day, including:

149,964 A&E attendances

49,740 emergency admissions

87,098 planned admissions

5,332 births

625,101 outpatient attendances

We employ nearly 6,000 people and around 800 local people volunteer with us helping to deliver care. We have an annual turnover of over £400 million.

Our mission

Working together with our partners in health and social care we will provide safe, effective, personalised and integrated care for local people, delivered consistently across all services by skilled and compassionate staff.

The role

The Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust wishes to bring together a diverse range of young people aged 14-25 with different skills and experiences. We currently have the opportunity for young people to join the group from July 2019 to July 2020.

Overall purpose

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust is working towards building more effective youth engagement in our work and ensuring that young people have an effective voice that will be listened to, heard and acted upon. A key element of this work is the establishment of a Youth Health Forum, engaging young people in structured dialogue with decision makers

As a Youth Forum member, working with staff and volunteers from across our hospitals, your role is to advocate for young people on issues they face around healthcare. This includes having discussions with service leads and the Children's Trust Board, mystery shopping activities, and developing project which will help improve services for children and young people.

Main areas of responsibility

Leadership and representation

- Work in collaboration with Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust staff and volunteers to improve children and young people's services
- Consult with other young people outside of the forum and share their views and experience
- Be a positive role model for other young people
- Be accountable, sharing your work and achievements
- Be an ambassador for the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

Campaigns and communications

- Identify relevant priorities for young people
- Regularly check communication channels

Events

- Attend monthly meetings: 1 evening a week (2 hours)
- Work with staff, partners and volunteers to attend a relevant events, and represent the Youth Forum and Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

The person

We are looking for young people who:

- Have experience of using healthcare services and/or being a carer
- Are passionate about youth representation and advocacy and the improvement of health services for all young people
- Have experience of working as part of a team
- Are able to commit to one evening a month for meetings and 1 hour a week for reading documents or communicating with staff
- Are looking for a new challenge!

You will need to be able to attend the following event:

- Launch day expected to be 13 July 2019 – Charles Hastings Education Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital

How to apply

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 20 June 2019 at 10am**. Please complete the application form and the equal opportunities monitoring form and return them by email to Dana Picken (Matron for Paediatrics) dana.picken1@nhs.net

We will contact successful applicants sometime after the deadline has closed on the 20 June. If you have not heard from us by the 13 July, you have been unsuccessful in your application. Unfortunately due to the number of applications we are likely to receive, we are unable to give feedback to applicants not selected.