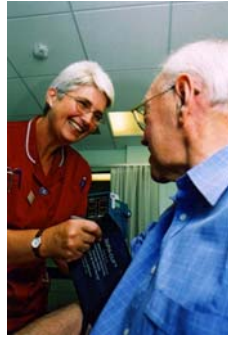


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Sign up to support Bedford Hospital



DO YOU want to help shape the future of hospital services and care in Bedford?

If the answer is yes, then back Bedford Hospital's bid to become a Foundation Trust by signing up as Foundation Trust member.

By becoming a member you can have a real say in how we deliver and develop our services. Membership is free of charge and members are free to decide how much time and effort they put in - from coming to meetings and standing for governor to just receiving regular information about the hospital.

Becoming a Foundation Trust hospital means you will have a much greater say in the services the hospital provides. This means we will be better able to respond to and meet your healthcare needs.

For our bid for Foundation Trust hospital status to be successful we need as many of you as possible (at least 5,000) to sign up as members.

We know you care about your local hospital so please, pledge your support to by filling out and returning a Foundation Trust membership form.

To make it quick and easy to sign up, you can complete the membership form on the back of this page. Simply fill in your details and return the form, free of charge, to:

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Foundation Trust Administrator
Bedford Hospital NHS Trust
Kempston Road
Bedford
MK42 9DJ

www.bedfordhospital.nhs.uk/foundationtrust

Bedford Hospital 
NHS Trust

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About you (please tick as appropriate)

Male

Female

Date of birth*

*To become a member you must be aged 16 years or over

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Ethnic group (please tick as appropriate)

White

British

Irish

Other White background

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Other Mixed background

Asian / Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Other Asian background

Black / Black British

African

Caribbean

Other Black background

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Other ethnic groups

Chinese

Other ethnic group

Not declared

Contact details (please complete in capital letters)

Name

Address

Postcode

I apply to be a member of Bedford Hospital NHS Trust. If the application to become an NHS Foundation Trust is successful I will automatically become a member of the new organisation. I consent to the processing of my personal information for the purposes of my potential membership by Bedford Hospital NHS Trust.

Please tick if you do not want your name to appear on the public register.

Signature

Telephone number

Date

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The data you supply will only be used to contact you about the trust, membership or other related issues and will be stored in accordance with the Data protection Act. Full details are available upon request.

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Jean
O'Callaghan
Chief Executive

Bedford Hospital NHS Trust has been providing excellent healthcare services to people living in and around Bedford for over 200 years.

We are proud of our history and heritage but we are also keen to embrace changes we know will benefit our patients.



Ray
Rankmore
Chairman

As part of our commitment to improving healthcare services and standards we are applying to

become a **Foundation Trust** hospital. This means increased independence from government and **giving local people the opportunity to shape and influence the hospital's future.**

We want you, our communities and our patients, to help us take our first steps towards becoming a Foundation Trust by signing up as **Foundation Trust members.**

Becoming a Foundation Trust means we will:

- Be able to decide **locally** how to meet our patients' and communities' healthcare needs;
- Be **accountable** to local people through a system of membership and elected governors;
- Be able to manage finances – keeping any surplus funds and **reinvesting** them to **benefit** the hospital and its patients;
- Borrow money for **investment** in the hospital within agreed limits;
- Have more **flexibility** to recruit, retain and reward our staff;
- Remain part of the **NHS** and continue to meet national **performance** targets;
- Agree a long-term plan for the **future** direction of the hospital, including a five-year delivery plan.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Bedford Hospital NHS Trust,
Bedford MK42 9DJ

01234 792292

Email: foundation.trust@bedfordhospital.nhs.uk

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