

Membership of Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust is made up of three constituencies; Public, Patient and Staff.

Public Members:

Those eligible to become public members are people over the age of 16 who live in Gateshead and the immediate surrounding area which is divided into three constituencies; Western, Central and Eastern Gateshead, and the Out of Area constituency which includes County Durham, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland (other than areas within the Gateshead constituency).

The map opposite shows the boundaries for the public membership.

People over 16 years of age, living in these areas who wish to become a public member of Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust, must complete and have accepted a membership application form. Members can vote to elect governors for their constituency and can choose to be nominated to stand for election as a governor.



Patient Members:

Patient members are those who live outside the area of Public Membership, who are over the age of 16 years and have at any time during the seven years immediately preceding the date of their application been a patient of the Trust.

Carers of patients who meet these criteria are also eligible to become Patient Members.

Staff Members:

Staff directly employed by the Trust are automatically members for the duration of their employment, unless they choose to 'opt out'.

Staff whose services are contracted for by the Trust, staff not employed by the Trust but who in effect work in and with the Trust for most of their time and volunteers are given the same status as staff, if they wish, provided they have worked with the Trust for a minimum of one year.

Employees of the Trust cannot be public members.