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Deputy chair of NHS Trust retires

The deputy chair of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is set to retire after six years at the Trust.

Nigel Sudborough CB OBE, of Uppingham, is a former Air Vice-Marshal and is a member of the Leicester City Magistrates Bench and joined LPT when it was predominantly a mental health trust. As chair of the finance and performance committee, Nigel made a major contribution to the Trust's strong financial position which has led to the £23million investment in state-of-the-art wards at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit, to replace the Towers and the Brandon Unit.

LPT is now advertising for a new non-executive director through the Trust Development Authority, which is responsible for appointments.

In 2012, LPT provided care for 212,000 people and is one of only a small number of integrated healthcare Trusts in the country offering a wide range of community, mental health and learning disability services, employing 5,500 people. It provides care in people's homes, at community hospitals in Hinckley and Bosworth, Melton, Rutland, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Coalville, Ashby and Loughborough, as well as in Leicester at the Evington Centre. The Trust also provides acute adult mental health services, adult learning disability services and families, young people and children's services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Nigel has a special interest in the rights and responsibilities afforded to service users in the Mental Health Act and chairs the Mental Health Panel Committee of the Trust – a position in which he will continue after retirement.

Nigel commented, "It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as a non-executive director over the past last six years, which has seen the integration of community and mental health services.

"The resultant benefits of a health and wellbeing trust have already been clearly shown and there are no doubt more to come. The newly created Centre of Excellence at the Bradgate Unit was a considerable achievement and one that I look back on with great pride.

"Most of all, I have particularly valued meeting many staff at their work place and seeing their enthusiasm and dedication for the care of their patients."

Chair of the Trust Professor David Chiddick said, “Nigel has been an exemplary servant to LPT, a generous colleague and a very effective deputy chair. He really will be a very hard act to follow. I have no doubt that without Nigel’s dedication and commitment the Trust would not have made the immense progress that it has over the past six years. I am delighted that he will stay with us as an independent chair of the Mental Health Panel Committee.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The advert for a new non-executive director can be found here: <http://www.ntda.nhs.uk/2013/05/28/leicestershire-p-nhst-ned/>
- Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighboring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £282 million and employs 5,500 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

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