

Welcome from the Chairman

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Non-Executive Director with Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. This is an important appointment and the position offers the opportunity to influence our future at an exciting and challenging time. Although at times, the role will be difficult, I believe very firmly that it will also be rewarding

Our Board is professional, ambitious and capable and has overseen a period of sustained improvement for the Trust; we have much to be proud of so far but the journey continues with high aspirations. Our performance is rated as 'requires improvement' by the Care Quality Commission but who also, however, identified examples of good services and practises and an improving trajectory. Our services operate across 3 sites in Wakefield, Pontefract and Dewsbury and the Trust is host to one of the busiest emergency departments in the country.

The Trust believes passionately about the patient experience, innovation and continual improvement and we are fully committed to our vision 'We strive to achieve excellent patient experience each and every time'- we actively demonstrate and seek the values that we know will help us deliver it. We are clear about our purpose - to ensure that our patients and the people of Wakefield and North Kirklees get the very best services we can provide within the £530 million worth of resources with which we are entrusted. We can only do this through effective collaboration with our partners in the health and social care economy and great relationships with all of our stakeholders. New ways of working are evolving, ensuring closer collaboration with key partners across both our local and regional communities and health economies.

The Trust's 8000 fabulous, highly trained staff are key to our growing reputation as both a great provider and a great employer. They are our greatest asset and we work hard to ensure that all staff know they are highly valued, and are well supported. For these reasons we have a growing national reputation.

I look forward to receiving your application and extending a warm welcome to Mid Yorkshire. I am sure your talents will contribute greatly to our further success.

Keith Ramsay

Chairman