

Attending Board of Directors Meetings Held in Public

The Board of Directors meets in public each month. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend to observe these meetings but must be aware that although the meeting is held in public it is not a public meeting and therefore observers are not permitted to speak during the meeting itself. If the Chairman considers that the business of the meeting is being disrupted by members of the public he has the power to require them to leave the meeting.

There are times when the Board needs to consider agenda items which are confidential and cannot be discussed in public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 permits the Board to pass a resolution at the meeting to exclude the public and press from the meeting 'whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business, or for other special reasons stated in the resolution'.

An issue will not be deferred because members of the public are unable to attend to observe the meeting.

On Arrival

Please make yourself known to the Company Secretary.

Board Papers

A copy of the agenda and supporting papers are published in advance of the meeting at <http://www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/downloads.asp?dir=c%3A%5CWebsite%5Cdownloads%5CTrust+Board%5CAgendas%5C2014>

The Trust recognises its corporate responsibility to sustainable development and carbon management and the Board of Directors sets the example for this by conducting paperless meetings, with members accessing papers via ipads.

A limited number of paper copies of the Board papers will be available at the meeting however we would prefer that members of the public use the electronic version of the Board papers where possible so the Trust does not waste valuable resources associated with the time and cost of printing Board papers. If you do require a hard copy of the papers to be available at the meeting then please contact the Assistant Company Secretary at least 2 working days prior to the Meeting.

Board Meetings

Nameplates for each Board Member are displayed on the table to enable you to identify who is speaking.

Members consider each agenda item in turn. Members may not actively discuss each item in detail, this does not mean that the item has not received careful consideration but may be because the matter has been discussed in detail at Board Committee level or because no one wishes to challenge the recommendations being made.

There are comfort breaks scheduled during the Board meeting and it would be helpful if you could make use of the scheduled breaks to avoid disrupting the Board meeting.

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