

Paper from the Tower Hamlets members of the East London Foundation Trust (ELFT) Council

What are Foundation Trusts?

NHS Foundation Trusts replace the former hospital or health services trusts and are intended to provide and develop services for NHS patients according to NHS principles and standards and are subject to NHS systems of inspection. NHS Foundation Trusts are able, overseen by Monitor (see below), to tailor their services to best meet the needs of the local population and tackle health inequalities more effectively. They are regulated by Monitor rather than by the Department of Health, feeding in to Government at Cabinet level.

'NHS Foundation Trusts have greater freedoms to manage their own affairs and improve services. The purpose in establishing NHS Foundation Trusts is to:

1. Devolve more power and responsibility to the local level so that NHS hospitals are better able to respond to the needs of patients. The establishment of NHS Foundation Trusts aims to bring about improved access to higher quality services for NHS patients by incentivising innovation and entrepreneurialism.
2. Devolve accountability to local stakeholders including NHS patients and staff. NHS Foundation Trusts operate governance arrangements that give local stakeholders and the public opportunities to influence the overall stewardship of the organisation and its strategic development.
3. Support patient choice by increasing the plurality and diversity of providers within the NHS.'

The Government website gives full information on:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Secondarycare/NHSfoundationtrust/DH_4062806

Foundation Trusts are governed by Monitor which is at 'arms length' from the Cabinet and, as such, is intended to give greater independence to the Foundation Trust movement.

'Monitor receives and considers applications from NHS Trusts seeking foundation status and negotiates terms of authorisation with each applicant Trust which set out the conditions under which an NHS Foundation Trust is required to operate, covering:

- a description of the goods and services related to the provision of healthcare that the NHS Foundation Trust is authorised to provide

- limits on the amount of income that the NHS Foundation Trust is allowed to earn from private charges
- limits on the amount of money that the NHS Foundation Trust is allowed to borrow
- financial and statistical information the foundation trust is required to provide

Once NHS Foundation Trusts are established, Monitor regulates their activities to ensure that they comply with the requirements of their terms of authorisation.

Monitor has the powers to intervene in the running of an NHS Foundation Trust in the event of failings in its healthcare standards or other aspects of its activities, which amount to a significant breach of their terms of authorisation.'

Further information can be found on the web site as follows:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Secondarycare/NHSfoundationtrust/DH_4131783)

What is the East London NHS Foundation Trust?

East London NHS Foundation Trust is a mental health trust and was set up in 2007, bringing together mental health services to the City of London, the London Boroughs of Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham and largely replacing the East London Mental health Trust. The Trust provides a range of community, outpatient and inpatient services for children and young people, adults and older people, and also provides forensic services to the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest, as well as some specialist mental health services to North London,

The Trust's Headquarters are located in Tower Hamlets. It operates from 47 community sites, four main inpatient sites and has 660 inpatient beds. (See appendix for Tower Hamlets Services) The Trust has an income of £184.7 million and most of this comes from the local Primary Care Trusts.

The ELFT is linked with the University of London, City University and South Bank University.

Who are the ELFT Council Members

In their commitment to devolve some power to local residents, Foundation Trusts have to have members. In East London over 7000 local people have already joined up to have a say in the way local mental health services are developed. Becoming a member is free. Seven Tower Hamlets members are elected to the Members' Council for a 2/3 year period. Currently Tower Hamlets has 5 further

two appointed members on the Members council, one of whom specifically represents the BME community. Information about the members can be found on the ELFT website as follows:

http://www.eastlondon.nhs.uk/admin/misc_pages/preview.asp?recordid=871

Possible Relationship with the Borough's Health Scrutiny Panel

As a democratically elected group of members we have a responsibility to all ELFT members to represent and articulate their concerns as thoroughly as possible. One way of furthering this objective would be to have representation from the ELFT Members Council on the Health Scrutiny Panel, either co-opted or as observers.

This would allow for a flow of information both ways and enable both ELFT elected members and LBTH elected members to be more effective in representing the mental health needs of residents in the borough. As such we believe that as ELFT elected members we need a direct relationship with LBTH in its health role.

Proposal

We suggest that two members from the ELFT Members Council attend the LBTH Health Scrutiny committee on a regular basis.

Tower Hamlets Mental Health Services provided by ELFT
(http://www.eastlondon.nhs.uk/our_services/tower_hamlets_services.asp)

Adult Services - Early Intervention Services

- [Tower Hamlets Early Intervention Service](#)

Assertive Outreach Teams

- [Assertive Outreach Team - Tower Hamlets](#)

Community Mental Health Teams - Adult

- [Bow & Poplar CMHT](#)
- [Bethnal Green & Globe Town CMHT](#)
- [Stepney & Wapping CMHT](#)
- [Isle of Dogs CMHT](#)

Community Rehabilitation/Continuing Care Teams

- [Community Recovery and Rehabilitation Team](#)

Crisis Resolution/Home Treatment Team

- [Home Treatment Team](#)

Day Centre/Resource Centre

- [Memory Clinic - Tower Hamlets](#)

Emergency Clinics/Walk in Centres

- [Emergency Assessment and Mental Health Liaison Service](#)

Inpatient Wards/Units - Adult

- [Lea Ward \(formerly Ansell Ward\)](#)
- [Brick Lane Ward \(formerly Green Ward\)](#)
- [Globe Ward \(formerly Lansbury Ward\)](#)
- [Millharbour Ward](#)
- [Roman Ward \(formerly Monro Ward\)](#)

Mental Health Crisis Intervention Service

- [Crisis Intervention Service - Tower Hamlets](#)

Perinatal Service

- [Perinatal Service](#)

Psychiatric Intensive Care Units - Adult Services

- [Rosebank Ward - Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit](#)

Psychological Therapy and Counselling

- [Psychology - Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Community & Primary Care Psychology & Counselling](#)
- [Department of Psychology - Tower Hamlets](#)

Psychological/Occupational Therapies - Adults

- [Occupational Therapy - Tower Hamlets](#)

Psychotherapy - Adult Services

- [Psychotherapy Services - Tower Hamlets](#)

Older People Services

Clinical Psychology - Services for Older People

- [Psychology Care Of Older People - Tower Hamlets](#)

Community Mental Health Teams -Older People

- [Mental Health Care for Older People - Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Community Mental Health Team for Older People](#)

Inpatient Wards/units - Services for Older People

- [Leadenhall Ward \(formerly Hastings Ward\)](#)
- [Robinson Ward](#)
- [The Green \(Assessment\)](#)

Management Offices - Older People Services

- [Mental Health Care for Older People - Tower Hamlets Management offices](#)

Psychological/Occupational Therapies- Older People

- [Occupational Therapy Mental Health Care of Older People - \(TH\)](#)

Respite Units for Older People

- [The Green \(Respite Unit\)](#)

Child & Adolescent Services

Adolescent Specialist Addiction Treatment Service

- [Child and Adolescent Specialist Substance Misuse Services](#)

Child & Adolescent Community Teams/Service

- [Child & Family Consultation Service - Tower Hamlets Outpatients](#)
- [Child & Adolescent Psychiatry - Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Child & Family Consultation Service - Tower Hamlets](#)

Specialist Addiction Services

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- [Specialist Addiction Unit - Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Blood Borne Virus Team](#)

Corporate Services

Medical Education and Academics

- [Academic Department of Psychiatry](#)

Administration & Support Services

Management Office Services

- [Directorate/Management Offices - Tower Hamlets](#)

Medical Records

- [Medical Records](#)

Learning Disabilities Services

Learning Disabilities

- [MHS for People with Learning Disabilities - Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Community Learning Disability Service](#)