



Press Release

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Trust Appoints New Non-Executive Director

Sandwell Mental Health NHS and Social Care Foundation Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Non Executive Director Mrs. Pauline Werhun CBE. Mrs. Werhun will act as lead Non-Executive Director for Children's Services and also be a member of the Trust's Quality Assurance Committee.

Mrs. Werhun lives in Sandwell and has dedicated her working life to the NHS. Starting work as a cadet nurse at the age of 16 Pauline progressed through the ranks from ward nurse to Executive Director of Nursing, a post she held for 10 years and from which she retired in 2007. Since retiring Pauline worked as interim Patient Safety Manager at the Strategic Health Authority. Pauline has a BSc (Hons) Health Studies, was a participant on the national Kings Fund leadership programme and was awarded a CBE in 2002 for services to nursing and the NHS.

Welcoming Pauline to the Board, Bob Piper, Chairman of the Trust said, "I am delighted that Mrs. Werhun has been appointed. Her commitment and passion for improving quality of care and the well being of others will be of great benefit to the Trust to ensure we continue to improve our services'.

The appointment was made by the Governing body of the Trust and is effective for three years, from 1st December 2010 until 30 November 2013.

On hearing of her appointment Mrs. Werhun said, "I am pleased to have been selected to serve the Trust. I am passionate about improving the patient experience and believe this can be done through improving safety and quality. I look forward to supporting the Trust to deliver mental healthcare and a quality of life to which everyone in the community is entitled."

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