

Chance to speak to hospital trust members about health

PUBLIC sessions are being held so people can ask questions to the health trust that runs Queen Alexandra Hospital.

People are being invited to constituency meetings to talk to elected members of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust's council of governors, and a trust representative. The trust is aiming to achieve foundation trust status, which would give it greater control of the way it runs.

A trust spokesman said: 'We really value feedback regarding our current processes and procedures, and this is especially important as we continue our journey to become a foundation trust.

'As a foundation trust, we will have more freedom to involve and work with people to find out exactly what health-care is needed for our communities and allow us to respond to those needs more

effectively.' At each meeting there will be a presentation from consultant Dr Ian Cairns and nurse specialist Cheryl MacNee, who will be discussing the care and support provided to those who are approaching the end of their life at QA.

■ Wednesday, May 8, Sacred Heart Church, Waterloo, from 10am to midday.

■ Thursday, May 16, Thorngate Halls, Bury Road, Gosport, from 2pm to 4pm.

■ Thursday, May 23, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, from 6pm to 8pm.

■ Wednesday, May 29, St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate, from 2pm to 4pm.

To find out more about becoming a trust member, email member@porthosp.nhs.uk, or visit porthosp.nhs.uk/about-us/foundation-trust/becoming-a-member/becoming-a-member.html.