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Dear potential candidate

**Associate Non-Executive Director with a financial background**

Thank you for showing an interest in this post and for taking the time to read this information pack.

I hope this demanding, but very rewarding position, catches your imagination and that you are encouraged to apply. This crucial role is an excellent opportunity to join a Trust at the forefront of mental health provision in the country, and comes at an exciting time of progress and development for the Trust.

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust has been an FT since July 2008, it has a rating of 'good' from the CQC under the new pilot mental health inspection programme.

I am seeking to strengthen the Board of Directors by appointing an Associate Non Executive with specific financial skills, who we can prepare to take on the role of full NED in the autumn of 2016, when our current chair of the Audit Committee is due to step down from the Board. For this role Board level expertise is required in either an Executive or Non-Executive capacity together with a strong financial background. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who is either looking to join an NHS Board for the first time, or who may already work as a NED in the NHS but is looking to diversify into mental health services. You will also need to work closely with our Council of Governors whose role it is to hold the Board to account, through the Non-Executive Directors.

Chair: Sue Davis, CBE

Chief Executive: John Short

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I hope you will consider applying. If you have the vision and commitment to work with us to keep our Trust at the forefront of mental health developments in the NHS, and you have the expertise to make a real contribution, we want to hear from you. We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all, with appointments made on merit.

For an informal discussion please contact me on **0121 301 1319** or at [sue.davis@bsmhft.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.davis@bsmhft.nhs.uk) prior to the closing date for applications. This will play no part in the selection process.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background. The signature reads "Sue Davis" in a cursive, slightly slanted script. The first letter 'S' is large and loops around the 'ue'. The name 'Davis' follows in a similar cursive style.

Sue Davis, **Chair**