Ellen Schroder appointed as the Trust’s new chair

Currently Vice Chair of the Camden Clinical Commissioning Group, Ellen takes up her new post with the Trust from 1 April 2016

**Stevenage, UK – 24 February 2016** – The NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) has confirmed the appointment of Ellen Schroder as the chair of the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust. Ellen, who lives with her family in north London, will serve as the Trust’s chair for a four-year period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020.

Ellen has been audit chair for the Camden Clinical Commissioning Group since its inception with responsibility for effective risk management and establishing good governance structures. As vice-chair, Ellen is part of a small group of clinical and executive leaders who have formed the CCG’s strategy and developed its business and organisational plan. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, she will be resigning from her role at the CCG on 31 March.

Ellen also holds a number of other NHS-related non-executive posts, including chairing the clinical ethics committee at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust and being chair of the organ donation committee at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. Previously Ellen was a non-executive director at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (2007 to 2012), where she also chaired the audit and finance committees) and the former St Mary’s NHS Trust (2003 to 2007).

Between 1979 and 2003, Ellen pursued a career in corporate finance working for the investment banks, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Wood Gundy Inc.
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Commenting on Ellen’s appointment, the Trust’s outgoing chairman, Ian Morfett, said:

“I was delighted to hear that, following successful interview, the NHS Trust Development Authority had written to Ellen inviting her to become the Trust’s new chairman. Given her breadth of experience, gained in both the public and private sectors, I am sure that she will help lead the Trust towards a very bright future.

On learning of her appointment, Ellen commented:

“Having served as a non-executive director at Imperial College Healthcare – one of the biggest NHS hospital groups in the country – as well as more recently at Camden Clinical Commissioning Group, I’m looking forward to using these and other experiences to help the Trust continue to improve services for its patients and population.

“The Trust clearly is an organisation that has achieved much over recent years and has significant ambitions. I plan to build on the significant progress that has taken place under the stewardship of the current chair, Ian Morfett, as the Trust works to realise its ambition to become amongst the best NHS trusts in the country.”

Non-executive appointments to NHS Trusts made by the NHS TDA are subject to the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Mrs Ellen Schroder has been appointed from 1 April 2016 until 31 March 2020 and is entitled to receive a remuneration of £40,000 per annum. She has no declared political activity in the last five years.

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2. For more information on the NHS TDA, please contact 0207 932 1930 or ntda.communications@nhs.net.

3. Established on 1 April 2000, the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust is responsible for four main hospitals: Hertford County in Hertford, the Lister in Stevenage and the Queen Elizabeth II (QEIi) in Welwyn Garden City. From 1 April 2005, the Trust took on management responsibility for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, based on the Mount Vernon hospital site in Northwood, Middlesex.

4. An independent organisation, the NHS TDA works closely with other important national bodies such as NHS England, the Care Quality Commission and Monitor, to help to ensure they play an important role in providing broader health system leadership to deliver sustainable, high quality care.

5. The NHS TDA brings together a number of functions previously carried out within the Department of Health, as well as former strategic health authorities and by the Appointments Commission. It has the core objective of supporting NHS trusts and ensuring that services to patients are of the highest possible quality, including:

- assurance of clinical quality, governance and risk in NHS trusts;
- appointments to NHS trusts e.g. of chairs and non-executive members and trustees for NHS charities where the Secretary of State has a power to appoint;
- performance management of NHS trusts; and
- management of the NHS foundation trust pipeline.