# Chair recruitment: Are you interested in becoming an NHS Board chair? video

Transcript for the “Are you interested in becoming an NHS Board chair?” video.

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**>>JOHN:** Hello, I'm John Connaghan, Chair of NHS Lothian and Chair of the Board Chairs Group.

**>>JOHN:** Over the course of the next year, NHS Scotland will be searching for several new chairs to join boards across Scotland that covers both urban and rural areas, and indeed our islands.

**>>JOHN:** Some of the boards provide national support. Others are what we call territorial boards, looking after a particular region or area of Scotland. Now, all of these NHS Board chair positions are unique leadership roles where you can make a real difference to people's lives in the future of healthcare In Scotland.

**>>JOHN:** As NHS Board Chairs, we are at the forefront of helping to reform the NHS Scotland. We work together to ensure the NHS is responding as well as possible to the needs of our communities, taking all the opportunities that we can to innovate.

**>>JOHN:** As a chair, you will help set the direction of you for your boards, hold the executives to account. You will want to lead with vision and integrity and support the chief exec and teams to deliver safe and high-quality care. However, it's also about ensuring good governance, strong leadership, and that the voices of staff, patients, and communities are heard.

**>>JOHN:** You do not necessarily need to be health professional. However, we are looking for people with leadership skills, governance skills, independence of thought, and a commitment to public service.

**>>JOHN:** How do you spend your time? Well, no two weeks are exactly the same. One day you might chair a board meeting, another day you might be out in hospitals or the community meeting staff and patients, or indeed representing your board at national level.

**>>JOHN:** I have been privileged to be a chair for four years. I think it's rewarding, challenging, and you can truly have an impactful role for the public sector in Scotland.

**>>JOHN:** If you want to use your leadership skills to make a lasting difference to health and wellbeing in Scotland, now's the time to step forward. I would really encourage you to apply.

**>>JOHN:** This is your opportunity to help shape the future of the NHS in Scotland, and thank you for listening.