

## Timeline to becoming a Foundation Trust

### March 2015 TDA approval

Before NHS trusts can be authorised as NHS foundation trusts, they must get TDA support. Trusts are then assessed by Monitor, an independent regulator, in the final stage of the process. Following a rigorous process which looked at the quality of care provided, as well as the business case which underpins the trust's model for sustainability, we now have the approval from the TDA for its application to be a foundation trust considered by Monitor.

### March 2016 Chief Inspector of Hospitals visit

The Care Quality Commission will assess and rate our services. The conclusion from this visit will include a recommendation about whether our foundation trust application should continue or whether further work is required.

### July 2016 Start Monitor assessment

The Monitor phase of the assessment process will take four to five months.