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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Liverpool Women's – the first NHS Foundation Trust in Liverpool – has appointed Ken Morris as its new Chairman, following the departure of Rosie Cooper who was elected as MP for West Lancashire in May. A Crosby man, Ken joins the Trust from South Sefton Primary Care Trust where he was Chairman for two years.

Ken said, "I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed to this post. This is a really exciting time for the Trust. Foundation status provides so many opportunities, particularly to involve the community in the running of the hospital. I am looking forward to grasping this new challenge and making the most of the benefits available to improve services for women and babies on Merseyside."

Louise Shepherd, Chief Executive said, "I am looking forward to working with Ken enormously. He will bring a wealth of experience to the Trust from his career in both the NHS and private sector. He will fit in very well with our team and will prove a great asset as we develop as a Foundation Trust."

Mr Morris's appointment was made under Foundation Trust regulations, which place the elected public and staff members of the Trust's Membership Council in the driving seat for making all non-executive appointments at the Trust. He will be taking up post on 15th August 2005.

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