

Council of Governors – 13 October 2016

Council of Governors Elections

Election Process

In December 2016 an election process will commence to fill the existing vacancies across the public and staff constituencies. Governors who were elected for a 2 year term will reach the end of their office on 1 March 2017. At present the vacancies comprise:

Constituency	Area	Vacancies
Public	Nottingham City	2
	Nottinghamshire County	2
	The rest of England and Wales	1
Staff	Nursing	1
	Clinical Support	2
	Allied Health Professionals	2
	Medical	1
		Total 11

Over the last few weeks we have been made aware that two staff governors, Jane Young and Suzanne Foulk, will be standing down from their role with effect from 1 March 2017. These decisions have been made on a personal basis and they are both thanked for all their time and commitment to the role.

The previous two elections carried out by the Trust have been completed using an online voting system. At present we are reviewing the effectiveness of this process given a lower than expected turnout at our 2015 elections. We want to ensure that all members are aware of the vacancies and the process to nominate and vote.

Election Timetable

During November a period of awareness raising will take place prior to an invitation for interested candidates to submit nominations in early December. Following a submissions period of c. 3-4 weeks, the elections will be held commencing early January 2017. The formal outcome of elections will be notified in early February 2017. The precise timetable will be determined shortly in liaison with the appointed independent election provider.

Elections are required to be undertaken in accordance with the national Model Election Rules which form Annex 4 of the Trust's Constitution.

Election Provider

Every Governor election required by the Trust is carried out by an independent organisation as aligned to the requirements set out within the Constitution. Over the coming weeks we will be

seeking quotes from external organisations to carry out our election process. In making a decision which organisation the Trust will use, we will consider who has the capacity to conduct this election effectively and offers the best value for money.

Next steps

When the Trust conducted its election in the autumn of 2015, at the Council's request, all Governors were invited to consider their current positions on the Council of Governors with a view to positively confirming their commitment to continue and actively participate. We would like to ask those Governors whose terms of office do not conclude in February 2017 to do this again prior to the upcoming elections taking place in December. We wish to stress that it is not our desire for any Governor to stand down but to allow the opportunity for you to consider and confirm your commitment going forwards. Clearly if any Governor does take the decision to step down, we would wish to include their position in the forthcoming election process.

We believe that we have a strong, committed and experienced Council who have over time gained great confidence in holding the Board to account. Governor input of time and dedication to the Council has been excellent and as a Foundation Trust we couldn't expect any more. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and sincerely hope you will continue with us.

Recommendations:

The Council of Governors is invited to:

- **NOTE** the report's content

**Composition of the Council of GOVERNORS
(as detailed in the Trust`s Constitution)**

Elected Governors:

Public, Patient, Service User and Carer Constituency:

Area	Number of Governors
Nottingham City	6
Nottingham County	11
South Yorkshire and Rest of East Midlands	2
The Rest of England and Wales	2
TOTAL	21

Staff Constituency:

Class	Number of Governors
Medical	1
Nursing	2
Allied Health Professionals	2
Clinical Support Group	2
Non Clinical Support Staff	1
TOTAL	8

Appointed Governors:

Appointer (Partner)	Number of Governors
University of Nottingham	1
NHS England: Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Area Team	1
NHS England: Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Team	1
NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group	1
NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group	1
Framework Housing Association	1
Carers Federation	1
Amaani Tallawah	1
Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	1
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce	1
Nottingham City Council	1
Nottinghamshire County Council	1
TOTAL	12

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NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors Composition

(sample of 20 Foundation Trusts)

Date	Name	Trust Type	Governors				Commissioners ?
			TOTAL	Public	Staff	Partner	
2006	South Staffs and Shropshire	MH	35	18	6	11	2
2006	Oxleas	MH	43	26	8	9	0
2006	South London and Maudsley	MH	37	18	6	13	1
2007	South Devon Healthcare	MH	28	17	4	7	1
2007	Berkshire Healthcare	MH	33	19	4	10	0
2008	Birmingham and Solihull	MH	21	12	3	6	1
2008	Sheffield Health and Social Care	MH	43	25	8	10	1
2009	South West Yorkshire Partnership	MH	33	17	7	9	0
2009	Sandwell MH and Social Care	MH	36	21	8	7	0
2010	Cornwall Partnership	MH	21	11	4	6	0
2010	South Warwickshire	Acute	24	14	5	8	1
2010	Airedale	Acute	31	19	6	6	0
2011	Derbyshire Healthcare	MH	27	16	4	7	0
2012	Great Ormond St Hospital	Acute	27	17	5	5	2
2012	Royal Free London	Acute	31	16	6	9	3
2013	W Mids Ambulance Service	Amb.	28	15	5	8	0
2013	Kingston Hospital	Acute	32	17	3	12	5
2014	Derbyshire Community Health	Comm.	30	17	10	3	1
2014	Royal United Hospitals Bath	Acute	21	11	5	5	2
2015	St Georges Healthcare	MH	26	13	5	8	2
Mean:			30.4	16.95	5.6	7.95	1.8*
Median			30.5	17.0	5.0	8.0	1.5*
Range:			21-43	11-26	3-10	3-13	0-5
Nottinghamshire Healthcare			41	21	8	12	4

* calculation based on those Trusts with commissioner Partner Governors. If all Trusts included mean=1.1 and median 1