

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 13.3

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 6th June 2023
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Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to update the Council of Governors on progress in relation to the ongoing Governor elections.

Notice of Election for these elections were given on Friday 11th May 2023 and this is available to view in the appendices. The deadline for existing governors to re-stand in their role, and new governors to nominate themselves, will be 5pm on Friday 9th June 2023. A full timetable for this election process is provided within this report for the Council of Governors to note.

If elections are contested, the declaration of results will be on Thursday 27th July 2023. Uncontested reports will be available from Thursday 15th June 2023.

2. Background – Governor Elections

Notice of election has been given for seven Public and five Staff Governor Seats and the breakdown for this is detailed below.

| Constituency/Class | Current Governor(s) | Number of Seats |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Public/Merseyside | Dorothy Burgess* Terence Comerford* Elaine Holme* Peter Humphrey* Trevor Wooding | 5 |
| Public/North Wales | Dusty Rhodes* Peter Wareham* | 2 |
| Staff/Non Clinical | Megan Cromby* Rachael McDonald* | 2 |
| Staff/Registered & Non Registered Nurses | Princey Santhosh* | 1 |
| Staff/Allied Health Professionals, Technical & Scientific | Dorothy Price* | 1 |
| Staff/Registered Medical Practitioners | Vacant | 1 |

*Indicates those Governors who are eligible to re-stand for election for a further three year term of office. Their current term of office ends at the Combined Council of Governors and Annual Members' Meeting on Monday 25th September 2023.

3. Election Timetable

Civica Election Services (CES) has been appointed to act as the independent electoral administrator for the election process. The elections are held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution.

Please see the below timetable outlining the proposed election process:

| Stage | Date |
|--|--|
| Notice of Election published by the Trust and Civica Election Services, the electoral administrators. Nomination forms, for candidates wishing to stand for election as a Governor are made available from this date. | Thursday 11th May 2023 |
| The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Civica Election Services. | Friday 9th June 2023 |
| A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published. | Monday 12th June 2023 |
| The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations. | Wednesday 14th June 2023 |
| Uncontested report is published. | Thursday 15th June 2023 |
| Notice of Poll is published. | Friday 30th June 2023 |
| Voting packs distributed by Civica Election Services to members as appropriate (by constituency/class). | Monday 3rd July 2023 |
| Closing date for election. | Wednesday 26th July 2023 |
| Declaration of results. | Thursday 27th July 2023 |

An external and internal communication campaign is running alongside this process to attract candidates to stand for the role and to increase voting turnout should the elections be contested.

Following the success of previous elections, the nomination process will run entirely online for staff elections and ballot papers directing these groups will be delivered by email. Email reminders, along with a communications campaign, will be utilised to encourage votes and therefore a higher turnout. For the public elections, ballot papers will be delivered by post and members encouraged to vote online or by postal ballot. Email reminders will be issued to those public members with an email address on our records.

If Governors have any queries relating to the election timetable or process they are invited to contact Gill Donnelly, Membership and Communications Officer or Civica Election Services who can advise on this further.

4. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is requested to support the ongoing election timetable.

Those Governors whose terms are coming to a close this year are advised to take action by submitting their nomination form prior to the deadline.