

## Board of Directors (In Public)

### Item 5.3

**Subject:** Council of Governor Elections Report  
**Date of Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
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**Presented by:** Lucy Lavan, Director of Corporate Affairs  
**Purpose of Report:** To Note

BAF Ref	Impact on BAF
3.7	The report provides assurance that the Governor elections have been completed in accordance with the rules and constitutional arrangements and that the independent administrator is satisfied that these were in accordance with accepted good electoral practice. All vacant seats have been filled.

#### 1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to present the results of the two recent governor elections held. Namely, the North Wales By Election for two public governor vacancies and the summer elections where five public governor seats and three staff governor seats were up for election. All seats were filled for both sets of elections and the voting turnout for the contested elections was above the national average (provided by Electoral Reform Services) of 15.5% for acute trusts.

#### 2. Background

The By- Election to fill two Public Governor – North Wales vacancies concluded on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The next round of Governor Elections concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (uncontested report was received on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018).

Electoral Reform Services (ERS) was appointed to act as the independent electoral administrator for both sets of elections. The elections have been held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution. A brief update on the outcome from both elections is outlined below:

##### 2.1. North Wales By Election

This election attracted five candidates for the two vacancies and a contested election was held. The voting turnout was higher than the national average with 22.41%.

Ron Smith took up the position of Public Governor – North Wales with immediate effect

following publication of the final report of voting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 (Appendix a). The highest polling candidate was unable to take up the role due to ineligibility and the Council of Governors approved the approach on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to invite the Dusty Rhodes as next highest polling candidate to take up the second position.

## 2.2 Summer Elections 2018

The below table reflects the outcome of the recent elections.

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Turnout (if applicable)</b>
1 Public Governor - Merseyside	Rachel Glynn Williams	7 candidates stood for 1 vacancy. Turnout = 20.8%
2 Public Governors - Cheshire	Allan Pemberton (re-elected)  Lindsey Van Der Westhuizen	Uncontested
1 Public Governor – North Wales	Joan Burgen	Uncontested
1 Public Governor – Rest of England & Wales	Lynne Addison (re-elected)	Uncontested
1 Staff Governor – Non Clinical	Matt Greene	Uncontested
1 Staff Governor – Registered and Non Registered Nurses	Lynn Trayer Dowell (re-elected)	Uncontested
1 Staff Governor – Registered Medical Practitioners	Caroline McCann (re-elected)	Uncontested

The official Uncontested Report (5.4b) and Report of Voting (5.4c) are available for reference in the appendices.

## 3. Recommendations

The Board of Directors is asked to note the results of the recent elections outlined in the report and to receive assurance that the electoral process was carried out in accordance with the Trust's constitution and accepted good practice.