

Council of Governors (In Public)

Item 9.1

Subject: Staff Governor Elections 2019: Final Report of Voting
Date of Meeting: Monday 23rd September 2019
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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to update the Council of Governors on two Staff Governor elections.

Firstly, to present the result of the recent Staff Governor election held to fill two seats in the Registered and Non Registered Nurses classification. Both vacancies were successfully filled following a contested election. The voting turnout for the election of 23.1% was above the national average for staff governor elections which is 15.2% for acute trusts (provided by Electoral Reform Services 2018 and 2019 to date).

Secondly, on 6th July 2019 a vacancy arose on Council of Governors for one Registered Medical Practitioner seat. In order to fill the vacancy Notice of Election was given on 30th August 2019. The deadline for nominations is 5pm on Monday 16th September 2019. A full timetable for this election process is provided within this report for the Council of Governors to note.

2. Background

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.

2.1 Staff Governor Election – Registered and Non Registered Nurses

Staff Governor – Registered and Non Registered Nurses election concluded on 26th July 2019 (final report of voting is available in 9.1a). The below table reflects the outcome of this recent election:

Seat	Elected	Turnout (if applicable)
2 Staff Governor – Registered and Non Registered Nurses	Charles Cowburn Sharon Faulkner	3 candidates stood for 2 vacancies. Turnout = 23.1%

2.2 Staff Governor Election – Registered Medical Practitioners

Please see below timetable outlining the on-going election process:

Stage	Date
Notice of Election published by the Trust and Electoral Reform Services (ERS), the electoral administrators. Nomination forms, for candidates wishing to stand for election as a Governor, will be made available from this date.	Friday 30 th August 2019
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Electoral Reform Services (ERS)	Monday 16 th September 2019
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published	Tuesday 17 th September 2019
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations	Thursday 19 th September 2019
Uncontested report is published	Friday 20 th September 2019
Notice of Poll is published	Thursday 3 rd October 2019
Voting packs distributed by ERS to members as appropriate (by constituency/class)	Friday 4 th October 2019
Closing date for election	Thursday 24 th October 2019
Declaration of results	Friday 25 th October 2019

Notice of election is available to view in appendices (9.1b). A formal report incorporating the outcome will follow at the next Council of Governors meeting on 3rd December 2019.

3. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is requested to note the report of voting from Staff Governor – Registered and Non Registered Nurses election and the timetable for the ongoing Staff Governor – Registered Medical Practitioner election.