

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 9.2

Subject: Governor Elections Update
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1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to present the results of the North Wales By Election to fill the two vacancies to the role of Public Governor-North Wales. In addition to this, to provide key dates and timescales for the current election process running for five Public Governor and three Staff Governor seats.

2. Background

The By- Election to fill two Public Governor – North Wales vacancies concluded on 1st May 2018 and Notice of Election was also given on 15th May for 5 Public Governor and 3 Staff Governor seats.

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 for both elections is outlined below:

2.1 North Wales By Election

Following a contested election Valerie Monaghan and Ron Smith were elected to the roles of Public Governor-North Wales on 1st May 2018 with immediate effect.

Their term of office for these roles will complete at the Annual Members' Meeting September 2020. The final report of voting is attached (9.2a). The turnout for the election was 22.41% which is higher than the national average for Council of Governor elections. This was 15.5% for 2017 for Acute Sector (information provided by Electoral Reform Services).

2.2 Summer Elections

Notice of Election (attached 9.2b) has been given for the following Public and Staff Governor seats:

Constituency/Class	Current Governor	Number of Seats
Public - Merseyside	Vera Hornby	1

Public - Cheshire	Ken Blasbery Allan Pemberton*	2
Public – North Wales	Amanda Clarke*	1
Public – Rest of England & Wales	Lynne Addison*	1
Staff – Registered and Non Registered Nurses	Lynne Trayer Dowell*	1
Staff – Non Clinical	Alexandra Thompson*	1
Staff – Registered Medical Practitioners	Caroline McCann*	1

Please note * denotes existing governors eligible to re-stand for election.

The election timetable is outlined below:

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.	Tuesday 15 th May 2018
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Electoral Reform Services (ERS)	Wednesday 13 th June 2018
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published	Thursday 14 th June 2018
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations	Monday 18 th June 2018
Uncontested report is published	Tuesday 19 th June 2018
Notice of Poll is published (if applicable i.e. if there is more than one candidate standing for a seat and the seat is not uncontested)	Wednesday 4 th July 2018
Voting packs distributed by ERS to members as appropriate (by constituency/class)	Thursday 5 th July 2018
Closing date for election	Monday 30 th July 2018
Declaration of results	Tuesday 31 st July 2018

These governor opportunities have been highlighted in a wide range of communication channels including Members Matters newsletter, email notification to members with email addresses, LHCH Website, Social Media and staff e-bulletin.

3. Recommendations

The Council of Governors are asked to note the results of the North Wales By Election and the timetable for the current Governor Elections outlined within this report.

The Council of Governors are also requested to agree the above recommended process to approach the next highest polling candidate to fill the vacancy of Public Governor-North Wales.