

Council of Governors (Public)

Item 9.2

Subject: Governor Elections Update
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1.0 Executive Summary

Governor elections have been held to fill the vacancies of two Staff Governors in the Registered and Non Registered Nurses staff class and one Public Governor in the Rest of England and Wales constituency.

Electoral Reform Services (ERS) acted as the electoral administrators for this election. The election has been held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution.

The purpose of the paper is to provide an update on the progress and outcome of these elections.

2.0 Election Update

Notice of election was given on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 to fill two vacant Staff Governor seats in the Registered and Non Registered Nursing classification. One of these vacancies relates to the additional governor seat added into this staff group (to maximise staff engagement) as approved by the Council of Governors on Tuesday 1st March 2016. Notice of election was also given on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 to fill the vacancy for one Public Governor in the Rest of England and Wales constituency.

An uncontested report from Electoral Reform Services (ERS) was received by the Trust on Wednesday 8th June 2016, confirming that Lynne Addison has been elected to the Council of Governors with immediate effect (uncontested report attached for information). Her term of office will run until the Annual Members' Meeting in September 2018.

There is a contested election for the two Registered and Non Registered Nursing staff seats. The statement of candidates received on Thursday 2nd June 2016 is attached for information. Notice of Poll for this election will be given on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 and the election will come to a close on Monday 18th July 2016. A communications campaign will run to support this election by encouraging relevant staff members to vote for their preferred candidate, engage staff in the process and increase election turnout.

A full conclusive report on this round of elections will follow at the Council of Governors meeting on Monday 26th September 2016.

3.0 Recommendation

The Council of Governors are asked to note the result and update from the latest round of governor elections.