

Council of Governors (Public)

Item 9.1

Subject: Governor Elections – Final Report of Voting
Date of meeting: 26th September 2016
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1.0 Executive Summary

Governor elections have been held this summer to fill the vacancies of two Staff Governor seats in the 'Registered Nurses and Non Registered Nurses' staff class and one Public Governor seat 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 a final report on the outcome of these elections.

2.0 Electoral Process

Notice of election was given on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 to fill one vacancy for a Public Governor in the Rest of England and Wales constituency and two vacant Staff Governor seats in the Registered Nurses and Non Registered Nurses class. One of these staff governor vacancies relates to the additional seat added into this staff group to maximise staff engagement following the findings of the Pathfinder Mutuals in Health Project and a subsequent review of the composition of governors and amendment to the constitution.

An Uncontested Report (Appendix a) from Electoral Reform Services (ERS) was received by the Trust on Wednesday 8th June 2016, confirming that Lynne Addison has been elected as Public Governor – Rest of England and Wales with immediate effect. Her term of office will run until the end of the 2018 Annual Members' Meeting.

The final report of voting in respect of the Staff Governor – Registered Nurses and Non Registered Nurses election was published on Tuesday 19th July 2016 (Appendix b). The election turnout stood at 26.2% which is higher than national average for staff governor elections (national average quoted by Electoral Reform Services as 16.43%). The results highlight that Charles Cowburn and Kerry Fitzpatrick have been elected as Staff Governors for the Registered Nurses and Non Registered Nurses classification. Both will commence a three year term of office at the end of the Combined Council of Governors and Annual Members' Meeting on 26th September 2016. The final report of voting is available within Appendix 2.

3.0 Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to note the outcome of the recent elections and, that the elections were run in accordance with the rules and constitutional arrangements as set out previously by the Trust.