

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 13.3

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2024
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Presented by: Val Davies, Chair
Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to update the Council of Governors on the conclusion of the election to fill the Staff Governor – Non Clinical seat vacancy.

Keith Wilson, Research Patient Ambassador for the Trust has been elected uncontested to the role of Staff Governor – Non Clinical. This follows a by-election run by the independent electoral administrator, Civica Election Services (CES).

Governors are recommended to note the outcome of the election and to welcome and support Keith Wilson with his induction to the council.

2. Election Process

The election timetable and process to fill this vacancy was supported by the Council of Governors on 5th December 2023.

This followed a vacancy arising when Harry Vlasman, Staff Governor – Non Clinical left employment with the Trust on 17th November 2023.

It was therefore considered the preferred course of action was to hold a by-election, within 3 months of the vacancy arising, to comply with the Trust's constitution (Annex 5 – Additional Provisions – Council of Governors, Paragraph 10.1) as follows:

“To call an election within three months to fill the seat for the remainder of that term of office”.

Notice of Election was given on Friday 12th January 2024 and the uncontested report (13.4a) was received on 15th February 2024. Keith Wilson will commence in his role with immediate effect, subject to completion of declarations, and his term of office will conclude at the Annual Members' Meeting 2026.

Civica Election Services (CES) was appointed to act as the independent electoral administrator for the election process. The elections are held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution.

The next round of governor elections will take place this summer. This process will commence in June 2024 and will include 6 Public Governor seats (1 Merseyside, 3 Cheshire, 1 North Wales and 1 Rest of England & Wales). More information regarding the election process will follow at the next Council of Governors meeting on 4th June 2024.

3. Recommendations

The Council of Governors are requested to note the outcome of the Staff Governor – Non Clinical election.