

## Board Meeting (in Public)

### Item 4.3a

**Subject:** Governor Elections Update  
**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
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**Presented by:** Ben Vinter, Director of Risk & Corporate Governance  
**Purpose of Report:** To Receive

#### 1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the outcome of the Governor elections held in the summer of 2025.

Following a communications campaign, the Trust was pleased to fill four out of five vacant seats.

Sharon Faulkner and Michelle Beaver have been re-elected as Staff Governors for Registered and Non-Registered Nurses and they will be joined by Clare Sumner in the same role. Catherine Collingwood, Public Governor – Cheshire has been elected in the role of Public Governor - Cheshire. All will join the Council of Governors and commence in their new terms of office at the end of the Annual Members' Meeting on 16th September 2025

The Trust is pleased to welcome all new and existing governors that have been re-elected. Thank you to Stephen Storey (Cheshire) for his dedication and commitment during his time in the role. Stephen will conclude his term of office at the AMM 2025.

#### 2. Governor Election Results

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

Constituency/Class	Elected Governor(s)	Number of Seats	Election
Public/Cheshire	Catherine Collingwood	1	Contested election (3 candidates for 1 seat)
Public/Rest of England & Wales	Vacant	1	No candidate nominations received
Staff/Registered & Non Registered Nurses	Sharon Faulkner* Michelle Beaver Clare Sumner	3	Elected Uncontested

\*Sharon Faulkner opted to take the one-year term of office which ends at the Annual Members' Meeting 2026. This fills the vacancy that arose when Princey Santhosh stepped down from the role earlier this year and will follow on from her remaining term of office which ends at the AMM on the 16th September 2025.

All the remaining elected Governors were re-elected/elected for a three-year term of office. Their new term of office will commence at the end of the Annual Members' Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and end at the AMM 2028.

The Report of Voting and Uncontested Report from this round of elections are available in the appendices.

### **3. Recommendations**

The Board is requested to receive the results from the recent governor elections.