

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 12.4

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2025
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Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the timetable and process for the planned Governor elections for 2025/26.

A full timetable for this election process is provided within this report for the Council of Governors to note. Governors who are coming to the end of their term of office are advised to follow the nomination process as appropriate if they wish to re-stand for a further three-year term.

2. Background – Forthcoming Elections

Notice of election will be given for two Public Governor and two Staff Governor seats in May 2025. The breakdown for this is detailed below:

Constituency/Class	Current Governor(s)	Number of Seats
Public/Cheshire	Stephen Storey*	1
Public/Rest of England & Wales	Vacant	1
Staff/Registered & Non Registered Nurses	Sharon Faulkner* Michelle Beaver*	2

*Indicates those Governors who are eligible to re-stand for election for a further three-year term of office. Their current term of office ends at the Annual Members' Meeting on Tuesday 16th September 2025.

3. Election Timetable

Civica Election Services (CES) has been 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.

Please see the below timetable outlining the proposed election process:

Stage	Date
Notice of Election published by the Trust and Civica Election Services, the electoral administrators. Nomination forms, for candidates wishing to stand for election as a Governor are made available from this date.	Tuesday 13th May 2025
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Civica Election Services.	Wednesday 11th June 2025
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published.	Thursday 12th June 2025
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations.	Monday 16th June 2025
Uncontested report is published.	Tuesday 17th June 2025
Notice of Poll is published.	Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Voting packs distributed by Civica Election Services to members as appropriate (by constituency/class).	Thursday 3rd July 2025
Closing date for election.	Monday 28th July 2025
Declaration of results.	Tuesday 29th July 2025

A communication campaign runs alongside this process to attract candidates to stand for the role.

Following the success of previous elections, the nomination process will run entirely online, and ballot papers will be delivered by email wherever possible. An email reminder will be used to encourage voting.

If governors have any queries relating to the election timetable or process, they are invited to contact Gill Donnelly in the Communications Office or Civica Election Services who can advise on this further.

4. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is requested to support the ongoing election timetable which is scheduled to commence on 13th May 2025.

Those Governors whose terms are ending this year are requested to please take action by following the nomination process if they are eligible and are wishing to re-stand for a further three-year term.