

SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARYREPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS29 September 2020

Subject	Update on 2020 Elections to Council of Governors
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Council of Governors on the 2020 Elections to the Council of Governors.

KEY POINTS

- Elections to the Council of Governors are held annually and are conducted in accordance with the rules set out in the Trust's Constitution.
- In normal circumstances elections would have been held during May/June, however, in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trust decided to follow national guidance to temporarily postpone the scheduled governor elections; this was agreed at a Council of Governors meeting on 28 May 2020.
- At the Council of Governors on 30 June 2020 it was agreed to proceed with elections with Nominations opening on 23 July 2020.
- The ballot opened on 14 September 2020 and will close on 7 October 2020, the results will be declared on 8 October 2020.
- Successful candidates will begin their term of office as Governors on 1 November 2020.
- The term of office is for three years.

IMPLICATIONS

AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2017 - 2020		TICK AS APPROPRIATE
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council of Governors is asked to **NOTE** the information provided on the 2020 Elections to the Council of Governors.

UPDATE ON 2020 ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Trust's Constitution provides for an annual election to a proportion of seats on the Council of Governors.

2. PROCESS

The Trust has engaged Civica Election Services as Returning Officer to conduct the Elections in accordance with the rules set out in the Trust's Constitution.

3. ELECTION TIMETABLE

In normal circumstances the elections would have taken place during May/June, however, in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trust decided to follow national guidance to temporarily postpone the scheduled governor elections. This was ratified at an extraordinary meeting of the Council of Governors on 28 May 2020. Proposals to proceed with the elections following the timetable below were agreed at the Council of Governors meeting on 30 June 2020.

Stage	Date 2020
Notice of election/nominations open	23 July
Nominations deadline	20 August
Voting packs despatched	14 September
Voting closes	7 October
Results announced	8 October
Governor Term of Office starts	1 November

4. STATEMENT OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES

At the deadline for nominations for the election the following valid nominations had been received by the Returning Officer.

Constituency	Number of seats	Candidate name(s)
Patient	2	Barbara Bell Steve Jones Joanna Mutlow Shirley Sherwood Gill Thirsk
Public North Sheffield	2	Georgina Bishop Michelle Cook Kaye Meegan
Public Sheffield South West	1	Sally Craig Sheila Reynolds
Public West	1	Jane Pratt
Staff AHP, Scientist & Technicians	1	Karen Smith Emma Warrender
Staff Ancillary, Works & Maintenance	1	Cressida Ridge
Staff Management, Admin & Clerical	1	Paulette Afflick-Anderson Kevin Gelder Claire Holden Theresa Lyne
Staff Medical & Dental	1	Nathan Chidambaram-Nathan Liz Puddy

No vote is required in either the Public Constituency in West Sheffield or the Staff Constituency for Ancillary, Works & Maintenance. Therefore Jane Pratt is elected unopposed and Cressida Ridge is re-elected unopposed.

5. VOTING

Voting opened on 14 September 2020 and voting instructions were distributed to qualifying members by post and by email. Members who have received their voting instructions by post have the choice of casting their vote by returning the ballot paper by post or casting a vote online. Staff members who have received their voting instructions by email can cast a vote online only.

Voting will close on 7 October and the results will be announced on 8 October 2020.

6. START OF NEW TERM OF OFFICE

Successful candidates will begin their term of office on 1 November 2020. The term of office will be for three years.