

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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Executive summary and key issues for discussion

The Trust will shortly be undertaking its 2017 elections in line with the process outlined within the Trust Constitution and shall be carried out in accordance with the rules set out in Annex 2 using the single transferable vote method of voting. There will be available seats in the following constituencies:

Public

Cheshire West and Chester (1 seat)
Liverpool (1 seat)
St Helen's & Knowsley (1 seat)
Warrington & Halton (2 seats)
Wirral and Rest of England (2 seats)

The terms of office for three of the current Governors Barbara Boulton, Cheryl Rosenblatt and John Field are due to end, all three are eligible to re-stand in their relevant constituency.

Staff

Non Clinical (1 seat)
Other Clinical (1 seat)

The above two staff vacancies are both due to staff retirements.

As in previous years the election process will be managed by Electoral Reform Services (ERS) on behalf of the Trust. The timetable for the programme is as follows:

Trust to send nomination material and data to ERS	Monday, 22 May 2017
Notice of Election / nomination open	Tuesday, 6 Jun 2017
Nominations deadline	Tuesday, 4 Jul 2017
Summary of valid nominated candidates published	Wednesday, 5 Jul 2017
Final date for candidate withdrawal	Friday, 7 Jul 2017
Electoral data to be provided by Trust	Wednesday, 12 Jul 2017
Notice of Poll published	Tuesday, 25 Jul 2017
Voting packs despatched	Wednesday, 26 Jul 2017
Close of election	Friday, 18 Aug 2017
Declaration of results	Monday, 21 Aug 2017

The outcome of the elections will be reported at the Annual Members Meeting on 28th September 2017.

Strategic context and background papers (if relevant)																													
Not applicable.																													
Recommended Resolution																													
The Council of Governors note the report and the actions being taken to undertake the forthcoming Governor elections.																													
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Link to CQC Regulations																													
Regulation 17: good governance																													
Resource Implications																													
In line with budget allocation.																													
Key communication points (internal and external)																													
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Next steps
In line with the criteria identified in the Trust constitution.
Appendices
Not applicable.

Strategic Objectives supported by this report

Quality: Ensuring the delivery of high quality patient services (safety, experience and outcomes).	✓	Transformation: Ensuring the delivery of Transformation	
Workforce: Ensuring the Trust has the appropriate, motivated and engaged workforce in place to deliver its strategy.	✓	Infrastructure: Ensuring adequate infrastructure e.g. estates and IT	
Finance: Ensuring financial sustainability and delivery of the financial plan		Ensuring the alignment of the Trust's strategy with the strategies of key external stakeholders and responding effectively to the policy and commissioning environment	✓
Compliance: Ensuring regulatory compliance with CQC, NHS Improvement, and other relevant legislation.	✓	Ensuring the Trust responds to the technical challenges of changes to cancer treatment	
Leadership: Ensuring effective leadership within the Trust	✓		

Link to the NHS Constitution

Patients		Staff	
Access to health care		<i>Working environment</i> Flexible opportunities, healthy and safe working conditions, staff support	
Quality of care and environment		<i>Being heard:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involved and represented Able to raise grievances Able to make suggestions Able to raise concerns and complaints 	
Nationally approved treatments, drugs and programmes			
Respect, consent and confidentiality			
Informed choice		Fair pay and contracts, clear roles and responsibilities	
Involvement in your healthcare and in the NHS	✓	Personal and professional development	✓
Complaint and redress		Treated fairly and equally	