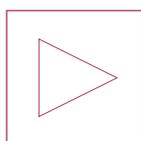


Candidates' election statements

Election to the Council of Governors Staff

Please read carefully before casting your vote.



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In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

Long experience working at WSH including leadership roles.
Worked with many specialties and staff groups.
Passionate about staff and patients.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I care deeply about how the Trust is run, both for patients and staff.
Would like to continue to "make a difference" and to influence the board from the shop floor.
Want to help in ensuring our positive collective future.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

Many years experience in the organisation, latterly at Clinical Director level, so not afraid to speak up and be heard.
Loyal to the organisation but willing to challenge poor practice.
Good listener and very passionate about staff well-being.
Determined.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Margo Elsworth



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I am proud to work for our community paediatric services. I value positive effective communication across community and hospital teams.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I wish to represent the views of staff as a part of the ongoing development of our local health services. I believe we will forge more meaningful links between community and hospital through sharing of views and experience.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

A practical and common sense approach to problem solving
A genuine interest in communicating effectively across diverse groups
A natural curiosity about the roles and skills needed by our hospital and community teams
Perseverance with a sense of humour !

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Amy Fairley

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In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I have 25 years hospital pathology experience and feel that I would bring a valued perspective to the Trust

Why do you want to be a governor?

I feel that my varied experience could be an asset to the trust and would like to represent the Pathology department as it transitions back to WSH.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

I have served on various committees during my time working as a laboratory professional and feel that my experience would be of benefit.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Louisa Honeybun



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I'm approachable and friendly, enthusiastic about change, and committed to robustly representing staff views.

Why do you want to be a governor?

To champion the care needs of the catchment population, through thorough understanding of all operational aspects of the trust.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

With a background in global commercial risk, I'm competent in objectively reviewing and challenging information and decisions.

With experience in complex negotiations to implement process change at multiple levels, I'm a motivated, organised and solution driven individual.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Sarah Judge



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I want to give frontline staff a voice in decisions we make about our future plans for health and care.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I am passionate about improving health and care for our patients, across community and acute services. I want us to provide the best quality care for our patients and the best environment for our staff, whilst holding our leaders accountable.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

I have experience in representing the views of frontline staff, based on my unique perspective as both a clinician and a digital leader. I am enthusiastic, honest and open in my opinions, and encourage forward thinking in our services.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Amanda Keighley



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

As a Senior Matron in the organisation i believe in ensuring quality and improvement of both patient and staff experience.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I have truely valued the privilege of being one of your staff governors for the last 3 years.I seek to continue to represent your views and needs as an integrated acute and community trust. Building a brighter future for WSFT.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

I have 30 years experience of working in the West Suffolk community. I bring this knowledge and experience to bear and aim to engage with you to ensure the board are constantly aware of the issues that matter to you.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Jennie McCrory



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

Staff voices are important in shaping the Trust. As a governor, I'll amplify that voice and help staff be heard.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I want to play a role in moving our services towards closer integration between hospital and community. I want to see each part of the system being recognised for the value it adds and working together as a collaborative whole.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

As a Community Health Team Lead I link with many partners in the community. As an OT I have worked across a variety of clinical areas. I, therefore, feel well placed listening, understanding and representing a range of people's views.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Sarah-Jane Relf



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I am committed to actively engaging and listening to all staff and ensuring that your views and ideas are heard.

Why do you want to be a governor?

I recently led the "What Matters To You" staff engagement. It was a privilege to hear your stories and ideas. I want to ensure that this work continues and as a staff governor I can ensure that the organisation responds.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

My background and skills are around developing organisations and changing cultures. I am an active listener with significant experience of engaging staff and representing their views. I feel very passionate about ensuring the staff voice is heard by our leaders.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Martin Wood



In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you.

I understand how the role helps the Trust and would like to use my experience to help build our future.

Why do you want to be a governor?

These are difficult times but I want to preserve the best parts of the unique West Suffolk way, and build on the innovations we have had to adopt. I believe we have an exciting future. Listening to staff is key.

What skills do you think you could bring to the role?

After serving as Staff Governor for 3 years I understand what can be achieved. By representing the view from the shop floor, and explaining clinical context to the board, fellow governors and executives I can help inform decision making.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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