candidates’ election statements

Election to the Council of Governors
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An introduction to your candidates

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Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?

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What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I have more than 30 years’ experience as an independent Management Consultant, specializing in quality assurance and company improvement. This includes:

• A fully qualified lead assessor of companies for approval and Certification of Quality Management Systems to National (British Standards Institution) and International Management Standards (ISO).
• International country experience includes companies in Europe, Turkey, India, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, China, North America, Canada, Mexico, Russia and Brazil.
• Training of company staff in management system auditing and analytical techniques for improvement.
• Qualifications include a Ph.D. in Experimental Physics.
• Previous part-time lecturer in HNC Physics.
• Conducting Risk Analyses.
• Experience of assisting improvement in companies ranging in size from under 10 employees to multi-national organizations.
• Assisted companies in Resolving Problems and Customer Complaints, together with the corrective action to prevent recurrence.
• Served as Chairman of Governors of a local school.
• Received treatment in local, national and international hospitals, including private hospitals.
• This includes A & E Departments, Operations and Post-Operative Care, including Clinics.
• More recently, I have observed the big differences in the treatment of family members and friends in various care homes, including the attitude of management and staff, and the interaction of care homes with the Local Hospitals and GPs.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
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What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?
I’m a passionate supporter of the NHS but can see pressures on the Trust – for reasons that include some out of its control – to improve early diagnosis, treat patients efficiently, and cut running costs.

I live in Lancashire, am parent to my children, and carer of my elderly parent. I’ve been a hospital patient, and visitor, so appreciate the quality care provided by our hospital staff.

In recent years, I’ve led campaigns across Lancashire to raise awareness of elderly people, like my parents – who spent their lives working in the NHS – only to be threatened with deportation because the Home Office destroyed files. I built community coalitions to protect the Windrush Generation and their descendants’ right to access public services and remain in Britain.

As a Public Governor representing the community, I’m able to voice concerns diplomatically and secure action quickly to improve patient experience. This can include improvements in hospital cleanliness to stop infections spreading, and spending more on clinical needs and patient care.

I know what the role entails. I want to serve communities across the two hospitals. I believe I have the skills and experience to be an engaged representative for you if elected a Public Governor.

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Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
Paul George Brooks

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What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I am 70 years old. I began my working life as an Engineer Apprentice, culminating after 5 years with a Higher National Certificate.

In 1972 I became a Police Officer with Lancashire Constabulary and in 1974 joined the Traffic Department where I remained until my retirement in March 2002. I was also the Constabulary’s Liaison Officer with the Traffic Commissioner for the North of England.

Following my retirement, I set up my own business dealing with Forensic Tachograph research, vehicle examination and fraudulent claims of whiplash in low speed collisions.

In 2007 I became a Magistrate and although age now stops me sitting in Court, I still retain the authority.

In 2011, being a keen motorcyclist, I set up the charity, to help the Hospitals in our area. This went live in May 2012 with Chorley & Preston Hospitals. We now serve 5 Trusts and cover 3,000 square miles. With 400 volunteers and have saved our Trusts including LTHTR over £5.5 million so far. My reason for seeking to become a Governor is simple: To help the Hospitals find more efficient ways with less waste and maybe seeing problems from another angle.

I also believe that the local community should be informed of any changes as soon as they occur.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: Founder of a charity helping the Trust to save money where possible in transport costs.
Jeff Kurai Chakanyuka

Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?
I want to be a Public Governor at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals because I am committed to the values of public service and want to put something back into the NHS to help make a difference.

What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?
Everyone who attends Lancashire Teaching Hospitals should leave happy of the service and treatment they received. I want to be involved with making that happen. My partial experience in health and social care means I am ideally placed to help Lancashire Teaching Hospitals achieve its mission and vision. I cherish the excellent work that Lancashire Teaching Hospitals do in the community and stand as a public governor to ensure that Lancashire Teaching Hospitals drive forward quality and service improvements in future years. I will have the opportunity to promote good governance and promote sustainable developments at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: MDC Alliance (ZW)
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
David Philip Cook

Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?

I believe that my many years of working as a social worker in child protection and mental health, will assist me in making a good Governor.

I am passionate about diversity and equality and consider that my ability to be compassionate, empathetic and analytical will be of considerable benefit.

What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I have been privileged to have experienced this Foundation Trust as both an in-patient and as a former employee. My work experience included nursing and 45 years as a social worker. Complicated assessments and multi-disciplinary plans were a regular feature of my professional work, both within hospitals and community settings.

Over many years I have participated actively in voluntary support groups which have striven for better physical and mental health of local communities.

I have traveled extensively and experienced various health services provided by other countries, which have enabled me to compare and contrast those services with those provided in the UK.

I do consider, in general terms, that the health service provided by this Trust to be really good, but this does not preclude the need for continual monitoring and the need for changes, where these are considered to be advantageous to users of the service. It is in this capacity that I feel that, as a governor, I would be able to successfully relate to and feel empathy for service users and give positive feedback to managerial members of the Trust.

As a retiree, I have lots of energy and enthusiasm for carrying out this important role.

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Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
Katie Crebbin

**Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?**

Work/volunteer/service use experience.

Retired for 7 years; after working 32 years for a high street bank, I volunteered for Babybeat and our local school.

As Regional Manager (Service, Quality and Controls), delivery of excellent Service and Quality in branches.

I support several family members at out-patient clinics.

**What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?**

I am a wife, mum and grandparent, my interests include teaching salsa dancing, keep-fit, walking and reading.

I support both my parents attending out-patient appointments and take an active role to ensure they continue in the best health possible.

My career:

- I led teams.
- Worked with business stakeholders to improve processes, deliver excellent customer service and maintain quality standards.
- Worked within regulatory framework.
- Worked directly with customers.
- As a Regional Manager I supported and coached leaders to manage change and improve delivery of service, quality and financial controls.

Volunteering in retirement:

- BabyBeat and my local Primary School.
- At BabyBeat I worked in the shop and taking the trolley round hospital departments, engaging with patients and staff.
- At School I support the reception class teacher helping children with literacy and numeracy.

What I can bring to the role of governor?

- Good balance of experience as service user, volunteer and external business environment.
- An effective communicator across stakeholder groups I am prepared to question the ‘status quo’ in understanding process and opportunities for improvement.
- I work with energy and engagement.
- My 2 passions: approaching health holistically and supporting people to deliver excellent customer service.

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**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None
Dr Margaret France

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I have been an active member of the Council of Governors since elected in 2017. During that time I have attended Council meetings, Committees and subcommittees, workshops and public engagements. I am not afraid to voice opinions which represent the members of the Trust and its patients.

What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

My background and current roles make me an unusual addition to the Governing Council.

For over 30 years I was a full-time GP in the Chorley area, so I have the understanding of clinical issues which impact on the Trust. I believe that I have a good insight into what people want and expect from their local hospitals.

Furthermore I have awareness of the major changes which are taking place within the Health Service including the Our Health Our Care programme and the formation of the Integrated Care Partnership and Integrated Care System.

In my role as Chorley Borough Councillor I attend Health and Wellbeing meetings at three tiers – Chorley, Central Lancashire, and pan-Lancashire, Health Scrutiny at Lancashire County Council, and others.

In short, I think I bring an interface between Medicine, Local Government, and the people who matter – the patients.

In my personal life I value honesty, integrity, and service to the community.

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Political Party: The Labour Party
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
Janet Miller

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What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

My 40 year career in education, delivering courses in Health and Social Care, has proved pivotal during my last three years as a Governor of the Trust.

I serve on the Buildings and Environment, Membership and Patient Experience governor led subgroups and contribute to several Trust groups designed to support and promote a positive patient experience. I am actively involved in governor engagement opportunities in order to hear the voice of our members and the wider community.

As Deputy Chair of the Patient Experience subgroup I manage the Governors Charitable Fund and have organised observational visits which enable governors to assess the quality of care delivered.

I have experience of working with CQC, the regulator, during their inspections. I am a member of, the Patient Advisory Group for my local CCG, my GP patient forum and The Patients Association.

I am passionate that our hospitals should be safe, caring, responsive, effective and well led. I consider patient care and involvement, high quality clinical practice and research, transparency of policies and procedures to be the cornerstone of any successful NHS Foundation Trust. I believe I have the passion, expertise and experience to contribute to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals moving forward.

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Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
Sayf Raja

Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?

I care about patients and communities having safe, accessible, and effective care in well-led NHS hospitals.

My professional work consolidates the clinical practice learned in my bio-medical sciences degree course. My volunteering in hospital and community health projects develops knowledge of patient quality and engagement. Both skills-set complement Governor duties.

What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I’m standing as a Public Governor because:

• I’m passionate about the NHS and the health of communities across Lancashire, especially elderly, disabled, and young patients, who face extra barriers when accessing help, or getting heard by decision-makers.
• As a Royal Preston Hospital outpatient, then as a carer for my father after his stroke, I have extensive experience of hospital services working well, and the impact on patients, carers, or visitors when services don’t function as expected or needed.
• When the Trust introduced its new car parking system, I contacted Governors to explain how it didn’t meet elderly or disabled patients’ needs.
• I’m committed to help the NHS improve care and well-being at local level. For several years, I’ve helped community groups in Lancashire engage in consultations about health and social care services.
• I was involved in setting up our Trust’s Youth Forum for young people and patients.
• I’m a confident communicator and will amplify the voices of patients and Trust members.
• As your Public Governor I commit to helping the Trust stay focussed on delivering high quality care to all patients in Chorley and Preston.
• Please use your vote to support me for a strong and inclusive Council of Governors.

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What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I have 50 years’ experience of developing systems in the public sector, including in three hospitals. I can work to ensure that our compassionate staff are supported and not shackled by the hospital processes. Things have improved with the addition of new board members, but there is unfinished business.

Further hospital changes are being planned. I live in Adlington and want access to the best hospital facilities for all the population of the area. We need a representative that will speak out for our interests and make sure that they are considered in the immediate and longer term.

I have worked as a volunteer for three years like hundreds of other people. We enjoy helping people find their way round. Volunteers hear the concerns of patients using the hospital. We know, from experience, that many of the things that worry patients can and should be fixed but we are powerless. As a governor I was able to speak up in the relevant meetings and in most cases improve things for patients and staff. There are very good and concerned staff in our hospitals. The governors need to support them by holding non-executive board members to account and representing member’s interests.

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Anne Maria Simpson

Why would you make a good Governor of the Trust?

I have 40 years experience working in the NHS with an in depth understanding of patient services. I’m passionate about patient care, service quality and core values. I understand challenges faced by management, staff and patients.

As a Governor, I’d support the Trust plans with patient services at its core.

What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?

I have extensive experience of working with all types of health care employees from the Trust and outside agencies. I have seen many changes in which health care services have evolved and been delivered.

. Able to communicate at all levels
. Awareness of Trust Policies and Procedures
. Understand the Financial Constraints faced by the Trust
. Good Knowledge of Primary Care Services
. Abide by the principles of confidentiality
. Good Knowledge and Structure of the Trust
. Understand the key line of Enquiry and Standards of the CQC.

In my role as Governor I would ensure that I am fully engaged in local NHS Services ensuring that patients are at the centre of the decision making process. Recognise the challenges to be faced with an ageing population with complex medical conditions which all puts demands on a already pressured service.

I believe I have the skills and experience to be an active representative for you. It would be a privilege to be elected as Governor to be involved in ensuring the delivery of excellent health care in our community.

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Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
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**What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?**

I have lived and worked in Preston all my life and believe passionately in the importance of providing a high standard of professional healthcare service within our area.

I am a recently retired company director with over 40 years experience in industry, have good people skills, communication skills and understand the importance of these within an organisation both internally and externally.

I believe the experience and skills I have gained working at a senior level within the commercial world, my understanding of the challenges to deliver a high standard of service within tight financial constraints, will enable me if selected to be a public Governor to make a positive contribution to the Trust.

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**What skills and experience do you believe you can bring to the role?**
I have a wealth of experience serving on a wide variety of different bodies, having previously served as a Borough Councillor and on the National Executive of my Trade Union. I currently serve as a Town Councillor, a School Governor, a Charity Trustee and on several other committees.

I have a caring nature, and regularly volunteer with, and donate to my local Food Bank. I have previously worked with a Charity that helped local young people who were homeless or had significant housing problems. I currently serve as a trustee of the Trust’s Bereavement Support Group, which is a registered charity. I am also a trustee of the Penwortham Aid Fund, which enables residents of the town on limited incomes, to obtain larger expensive items of household furniture or equipment.

The NHS is undervalued and underfunded by central Government. I want to see it able to provide for everyone at their point of need in a timely manner and would do all in my power if elected, to work towards that ultimate aim. I want to see waiting lists, lengthy waits in Casualty, and cancelled operations at the last minute become a thing of the past.

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**Political Party:** Liberal Democrats
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None