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Election 2024

## Governor Election Special Edition

## Chair's welcome



Dear Foundation Trust Members,  
As Chair of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, I'm delighted to present you with details of our upcoming Governor elections.  
Our election to the Council of Governors is an important date in the Trust calendar, and I'm pleased to say that nominations for the public constituency opened on 8 January 2024.

Becoming a Governor not only gives you the opportunity to have your say on the Trust's performance and forward plan but you can help influence developments in healthcare needs and be a representative of our Trust, local community and wider system.

It's an exciting time to become a Public Governor! Not only will myself and our new Chief Executive, Silas Nicholls, be able to work alongside you in our new roles to develop and improve the Trust, it also gives us a chance to work on improving our recent CQC rating and take part in exciting developments such as the New Hospitals Programme.

There are seven governor vacancies available within the public constituency with the deadline for nominations closing at 5pm on Monday 5 February 2024.

Please do take a moment to look through this short publication to help you consider whether becoming a Governor is for you.

Don't miss out on your chance to represent the interests and views of our local communities!

Best wishes



**Peter White**  
Chair



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## Why become a Governor?

How would you like to be the voice for your community and have the chance to make a difference?

Do you believe that the views of members should be heard at every level of the Trust, and think that you would be able to understand and share these views with the Council and Board of Directors?

Governors are essential in making sure that the views of our wider community are considered in providing and developing our hospital services.

The most important thing you will need to be one of our Governors is enthusiasm for the role, rather than any specific skills or knowledge. You should care about our patients, staff and the services the Trust provides, and you should wish to bring the knowledge and experience of members into discussions and decisions about the direction of the Trust.

All Governors have a vital role to play and the role should be satisfying and challenging.

## The role of a Governor

The Governor role provides an opportunity for members to have a voice.

As a Governor, you will inform the Council of Governors of members' views and support the Trust Board in understanding widely held views of members. This could be on topics such as patient experience and or quality of services.

The role of the Governor does not duplicate the work of other staff representatives (e.g. Trade Union representatives or professional bodies) and Governors do not deal with specific individual issues for the public such as complaints which are dealt with by formal staff representatives. It is about listening to public feedback and keeping abreast of feedback themes.

To find out more and if it is right for you then come along to our virtual prospective governor information workshops.

You will get a chance to hear from Electoral Reform Services about the election process, learn more about the role and the expectation of a governor, meet existing governors, and hear about how you can make a difference.

The workshops will be held on:

Friday 19 January 2023 10–10.30am via MS Teams

Monday 22 January 2023 1–3pm in Seminar Room 9, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital

Thursday 25 January 2023 3–5pm in Seminar A1, Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital

To book your place on the virtual workshop or for any further information, please email [corporateaffairs@LTHTR.nhs.uk](mailto:corporateaffairs@LTHTR.nhs.uk) or call **01772 522647** and leave your contact details (please state your name and telephone number) and arrangements will be made to send joining instructions to your calendar.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, we strongly advise booking a place on the workshops.

# Our current Council of Governors



**Will Adams**  
Appointed Governor



**Alistair Bradley**  
Appointed Governor



**Eddie Pope**  
Appointed Governor



**Suleman Sarwar**  
Appointed Governor



**Pav Akhtar**  
Public Governor



**Takhsin Akhtar**  
Public Governor



**Sean Barnes**  
Public Governor



**David Blanchflower**  
Public Governor



**Sheila Brennan**  
Public Governor



**Margaret France**  
Public Governor



**Graham Fullarton**  
Public Governor



**Steve Heywood**  
Public Governor



**Lynne Lynch**  
Public Governor



**Janet Miller**  
Public Governor



**Frank Robinson**  
Public Governor



**Mike Simpson**  
Public Governor



**Paul Wharton-Hardman**  
Public Governor



**Feixia Yu**  
Public Governor



**Steven Doran**  
Staff Governor



**Piotr Spadlo**  
Staff Governor

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## How much time will being a Governor take up?

It is expected that Governors commit to attend the following each year:

- Four formal Council of Governors meetings
- Informal Council Workshops and joint development sessions with the Board of Directors
- Governor Subgroup meetings
- Annual Members' Meeting
- Ongoing training and development

A Corporate and Governor Calendar is produced each year and for the year 2024/25 has been published on the Trust's website.

Scan here for the 2024/25 Corporate calendar



## Support, Training and Induction Programme for Governors

The Trust recognises the important role of Governors and will support them to work effectively.

The Office of the Company Secretary works closely with Governors to provide them with access to administrative resources and information.

The Office of the Company Secretary will be the first point of contact and support for the Governors.

All Governors are expected to attend an induction programme which will assist Governors in carrying out their role.

It is mandatory for all new Governors to participate in the induction programme. All Governors are expected to adhere to the Trust's policies and procedures and will be bound by the Trust's Code of Conduct for Governors.

Specific issues relating to confidentiality must be adhered to as defined in the Constitution.



## How do I stand for election?

If you are interested in standing for election, an information pack and nomination form can be obtained from the Returning Officer from Monday 8 January 2024.

URL: [www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024](http://www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024)

Email: [fnominations@cesvotes.com](mailto:fnominations@cesvotes.com)

Telephone: **020 8889 9203**

Text: **2FT LT** and your name and address to **88802**

Post: Electoral Reform Services, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 ONW

Don't delay – the deadline for completed nomination forms is **5pm on Monday 5 February 2024**

## The Nomination Form

The nomination form is only short and will have space for prospective Governors to write a short statement (50 words) about why you think you should be selected. You will also have 200 words to describe what skills and experience you believe you can bring to the role.

The information supplied by candidates is published and will accompany a ballot paper, should the seat be contested.

A full hints and tips guide, together with resource pack is available online here: [www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024](http://www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024)

We will not alter or correct your statement in any way. It will be reproduced word-for-word so remember to check it carefully. Any statements of longer than the maximum word count are stopped at the maximum, even if this ends mid-sentence.

The nominations process will close on Monday 5th February 2024 and all nominations will then be validated prior to publication.

## The Election Timetable

Notice of Election / nomination open Friday

**Monday 8 January 2024**

Webinar: Election process workshop (hosted by Civica)

**Friday 19th January 2024**

Election Workshop in person (Royal Preston Hospital)

**Monday 22nd January 2024**

Election Workshop in person (Chorley Hospital)

**Thursday 25th January 2024**

Nominations deadline

**Monday 5th February 2024**

Voting packs despatched to members

**Tuesday 27 February 2024**

Close of election

**Thursday 21st March 2024**

Declaration of results

**Friday 22nd March 2024**

 **Contact our Corporate Affairs Office**

**Email: [corporateaffairs@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:corporateaffairs@lthtr.nhs.uk)**



## Silas Nicholls begins role as Chief Executive

On Tuesday 8th January 2024, we were delighted to see our new Chief Executive, Silas Nicholls, begin his role with the Trust.

Silas joins Lancashire Teaching Hospitals as an experienced Chief Executive and NHS leader who has held a wide range of senior executive positions across the North West.

Silas's first Chief Executive post was at the University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) in 2016, having joined the organisation two years earlier as Chief Operating Officer. Previously, he has been Chief Executive of Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust and joined Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust in 2019 as Chief Executive, continuing in this role until joining Lancashire Teaching Hospitals.

While we welcome Silas to the Trust, we also thank Faith Button for her spell as Interim Chief Executive following Kevin McGee's retirement from the NHS after 38 years. Faith recently confirmed she will be taking up a new role at NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB) as Chief Delivery Officer in March, and our best wishes go to her in her new position.

Lancashire & South Cumbria  
**New Hospitals**  
Programme



## Lancashire and South Cumbria New Hospitals Programme – have your say!

As you may know, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform our region's hospitals. By creating a network of brand new and refurbished facilities, we'll help local people live longer, healthier lives.

In May 2023, the Government announced a record investment of more than £20 billion, ring-fenced for the next phase of the national New Hospital Programme, which brings proposals for new cutting-edge hospital facilities for Lancashire and South Cumbria a step closer.

As part of these plans, it would see two new hospitals to replace Royal Preston Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary as part of a rolling programme of national investment in capital infrastructure beyond 2030.

To ensure those who use our hospitals are at the heart of the decisions being made, the national New Hospital Programme are running a series of engagement workshops to hear about your experiences using hospital services to help improve the designs and layout of future hospitals.

They are also working with hospital clinicians, estates teams, digital – information and technology – and workforce colleagues, health regulators, the Royal Colleges, and other professional bodies, as well as public and patient experience groups, to ensure the best designs and clinical standards for all our hospitals are created.

The next virtual workshop is for those who have recent experience of using hospital car parks and will take place on Tuesday 30th January 2024. Those interested have until 23rd January to register for a session at either 1pm – 2.30pm or 6pm – 7.30pm.

You can [register online here](#).

More engagement sessions on different topics are planned for 2024 so please keep an eye out on the Lancashire and South Cumbria New Hospitals Programme website for updates - [newhospitals.info/news](https://newhospitals.info/news)



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**KNOW** they're clean!

Stop infection in its track.  
Patient safety requires clean hands.

## Dates for your diary 2024

The Corporate Calendar can be viewed on our website  
[lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/corporate-calendar](http://lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/corporate-calendar)

### Annual Members' Meeting

Wednesday 25 Sept 2024	2pm–4pm	Lecture Theatre, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital Virtually using Microsoft Teams Live
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### Board of Directors' Meetings

Thursday 4 April 2024	1pm–6pm	Lecture Room 3, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital
Thursday 6 June 2024	1pm–6pm	Seminar Room 9, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital
Thursday 1 August 2024	1pm–6pm	Lecture Hall, Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Thursday 3 October 2024	1pm–6pm	Seminar Room 5, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital

### Council of Governors' Meetings

Tuesday 16 April 2024	1pm–4pm	Hybrid meeting in the Gordon Hesling Conference Room, Royal Preston Hospital
Tuesday 23 July 2024	1.30pm–4.30pm	Seminar Room A1, Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Tuesday 7 October 2024	1pm–4pm	Hybrid meeting in the Gordon Hesling Conference Room

Members are welcome to observe the public section of both the Council of Governors' and Board of Directors' meetings to listen to Governors and Board Members discussing Trust business.

Council of Governors' meetings are held four times per year and members the public are welcome to observe virtually. Please note that meeting dates may occasionally be subject to change.

Please email [company.secretary@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:company.secretary@lthtr.nhs.uk) if you would like to observe any of the meetings and the virtual links will be forwarded to your calendar. All public events are advertised on our website: [www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk)

To view **TRUST Matters** online go to: [www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/trust-matters](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/trust-matters)

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