

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors Public: Manchester

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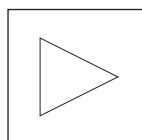
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) was formed on 1st October 2017 following the merger of Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM).

MFT is one of the largest NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK and we are responsible for running a family of nine hospitals across six separate sites. We provide a wide range of services from comprehensive local general hospital care through to highly specialised regional and national services. In addition, we also provide a range of community services through the Manchester Local Care Organisation (MLCO).

Our vision is to improve the health and quality of life of our diverse population by building an organisation that:

- Excels in quality, safety, patient experience, research, innovation and teaching
- Attracts, develops and retains great people
- Is recognised internationally as a leading healthcare provider.

At MFT we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion of staff, patients, carers, families, members and the communities that we serve and as part of this commitment, we aim to have a Council of Governors whose membership reflects our diverse communities. We believe that having a broad and representative membership community, and a Council of Governors directly elected from and by our members, is key to working together to better meet the needs of our patients, staff and our local communities.



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Caroline Abiodun

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I have been living and worked for more than 50 years in Manchester.

I was self employed for more than 20 years before I retired in 2006.

At present I am doing a voluntary work which is linked to NHS. The group is called Heart – Help – Support Group

Those people who had treatment or heart operation The hospital refer them to our Group for Exercise

Also I was treated in the Wythenshawe Hospital which I am grateful for.

For this reason I would like to do something to show my gratitude.

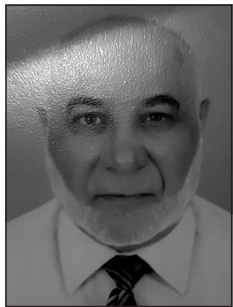
If I am elected I will do my part and take a full commitment to work with all the governors and all those I need to work with in the Trust.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Ghafoor Ahmed



I would like to serve the local community in Royal Infirmary. Whenever I visit patients in N.H.S I find many ethnic minorities looking for help on a language problem. As I come from an ethnic minority, I can help them in interpretation in different languages Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan etc. I would like to visit N.H.S more frequently on a voluntary basis to help the needy people. I have lived in this city for the last 45 years, all the new developments in front of my eyes, I would like to share with people. The difference between old and new the local government have done great efforts to transform the city providing facilities to the city and uplifting the city infrastructure.

With Thanks

Ghafoor Ahmed

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Khalid Ahmed



Working in the NHS as a superintendent pharmacist I have seen first hand what it clearly needs to shake up the system and make it a pioneer in health care

Giving positive feedback and criticism is something I will shout about and not be held back from other peers

Working hard for a better NHS

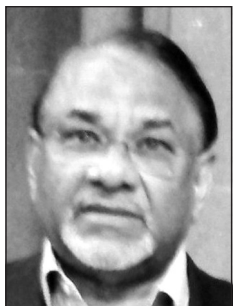
One vote.....vote Khalid

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Dr Syed Ali



I am a retired Scientist who has worked in a UK based high-tech design and construction company for more than 30 years. I am also a long standing resident (over 30 years) in south Manchester (West Didsbury). I appreciate the importance of hospitals to local people, particularly of MFT (a newly formed foundation trust) which is expected to move towards new goals in enhancing the quality and reputation of patient care. These are challenging tasks at a time when the NHS as a whole is going through changes in governance and funding.

I have been a public Governor at UHSM for eight years and for the last two years at MFT since its formation in 2017. During these periods I have developed an understanding of the governance and the structure of Foundation Trusts. I have attended various meetings including the Governors' Performance Assurance Meetings and Governor/NED Networking sessions. In these various meetings there have been opportunities to ask questions and seek clarifications, which have enabled me to gain knowledge on important issues

relating to the present activities and to those planned for the future. I have represented patients/members' interests during inspection of hospital hygiene, cleanliness and food standards.

I understand that hospital Governors must challenge the Directors and yet maintain good relationships with them. With this objective in view, I would like to be re-elected as a public Governor for the Manchester constituency.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Key Meeting Attendance during Term of Office as an MFT Governor								
Council of Governors' Meetings								
2017	2018				2019			Total ✓ = 4/8 attendances
20 th December	14 th February	16 th May	17 th July	13 th November	12 th February	15 th May	31 st July	
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Julie Blinston



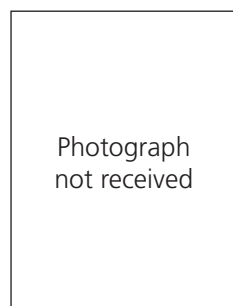
I am passionate about health, wellbeing and supporting the NHS in making a difference to people's lives. As a vital public health asset, it is important that the NHS has a public presence, representing the views, opinions and perspectives of those it supports. In being a public governor I will endeavour to uphold and advocate 'what is important to people', whilst simultaneously striving to 'give something back' to the trust. Having personally experienced medical care and treatment at the trust, I am committed to ensuring that people have a 'positive, inclusive and person-centred' patient experience which places them at the heart of decision making regarding care and treatment. As an individual from the BAME community with extensive professional knowledge and experience of minority and disadvantaged groups, I will be able to convey the challenges and personal experiences of diverse socio-economic groups.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Christopher James Burge



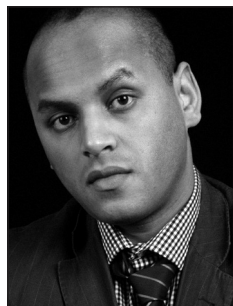
to make sure we get all the facilities that this area requires, For a growing and diverse population with out fear or favour.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Sebastian Chowdhury



VOTE SEB FOR GOVERNOR

Why would I like to be elected Governor?

I am asking for a leap of faith from you. As a Service User of the NHS, I understand the pressures of the service. I would like to build on what we have.

I have been;

- Governor for three terms for the Manchester College,
- Scrutiny Panellist for Eastland Homes (One Manchester),
- Fan's Forum Membership Rep. for Manchester United for two terms,
- Co-Chair of ALLfm Radio for six months.

Currently I am the Committee Chair for a local community centre in Hulme & have been a Cultural Ambassador for One Manchester for several years.

I believe I can bring a wealth of experience that can enhance the Governor's team

I would ensure that;

- Ensure the accountability of the membership & the communities that we serve,
- Communicating effectively with our members and the public and developing networks to engage with the wider community including minority groups,
- Canvassing the views and opinions of the members and the public in relation to forwarding the plans and the views onto the Board of Directors,
- Helping to recruit new members alongside promoting membership and the role of Governor,
- Safeguarding probity and good quality healthcare.

I pledge to represent the interests of patients, carers, the public, stakeholders & staff and to work with the NHS Foundation Trust and our Board of Directors.

I look forward to working with you all.

VOTE SEB FOR GOVERNOR

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: The Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

John Winston Churchill



I have been a governor for over 8 years now first with Wythenshawe and then after the merger and with luck I will continue my service in within this system where I have a lot to give.

I have been in hospital this year so have missed meetings but have kept up with everything through my colleagues and emails and voted on subjects to support the community of Manchester.

I work as a volunteer in the community of Wythenshawe at the forum the life style centre and wchg the housing group supporting various groups.

I am now back up and running again and would like to continue my time with the foundation trust as I know I still have a lot to give.

At Wythenshawe I give my time up doing fund raising for McMillan and on Christmas day I dress as Santa and go on the starlight ward and the alsimers/demcha ward to bring a bit of fun into peoples lives that have to be in hospital over Christmas time for which the payment is the smiles on peoples faces young and old it is great fun.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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Sharlene Duhre



I am deeply passionate about our National Health Service and the care it provides to our community. For over 70 years the NHS has been the backbone of our society and I would like to ask you to support me in becoming a public governor.

During my A-Levels I volunteered in the Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust Membership Office where I saw the importance of community engagement in helping shape and steer the vision of the Trust. As a patient of the NHS I have always been treated with kindness and respect. I wish for everyone to share the same positive experience in what are often difficult circumstances.

I moved to Manchester over a year ago and joined a local charity where I was fortunate enough to meet an incredible 90 year-young lady. We have become good friends and seeing some of the difficulties and challenges she faces with health services has inspired me to run for the post of public governor.

The primary vision of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust must always be to provide first-class care and compassion to the community. As we all know this is often within the incredibly challenging landscape of budget restraints.

I am an accountant by profession and am deeply committed to working with my local community. I am confident that my experience and passion would allow me to offer a fresh perspective to the Board of Governors and help ensure that the voices of those most in need are heard.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Kay England

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My interest stems from a belief that patients at times need representation and advocacy during their experiences of the healthcare system. Healthcare organisations sometimes forget that patients are vulnerable and individuals in a system that is quite process driven.

I have the life experiences, energy and a good understanding of the NHS as both an ex-nurse and a health care user.

I can positively support the trust by engaging with local networks and communities. As a Governor I would develop communication links and work to facilitate public engagement and interest in planning and changes brought about by the trust.

I have experience of gathering people together to ascertain their views and opinions. Having in the past delivered organisational change.

I would enjoy the advisory and guardianship elements of the role and would wish to work closely with colleagues in this role.

I am now retired but like to be busy and currently undertake voluntary activities in South Manchester with several charities.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Janet Heron



1. Why I'm standing for election:

My name is Janet Heron. I've lived in Manchester all my adult life and I'm standing for relection to the Council of Governors because I want to continue to contribute to the NHS and, in very uncertain times, to assist in enabling public scrutiny of the Trust.

I believe in an NHS which remains free for patients and in public rather than private ownership.

That's what I wrote when I first asked you to vote for me and it's why I'm standing again.

2. What I think I can offer to the Council of Governors:

Three years of practical experience as a Trust governor, including training, attending and participating in meetings and contributing to the Governors scrutiny of the Non Executive Directors.

In a previous working life I managed a number of large scale regeneration project on behalf of Manchester City Council and believe my previous work experiences can help me contribute as a governor to facing the challenges the Trust faces in the coming months.

I am a life-long trade union member

3. If elected my priorities would be:

Improving the quality of the patient experience

Promoting 'joined up' health care between GPs, hospitals and other community health providers

Supporting NHS staff in their work and them having access to the resources they need to do their jobs successfully.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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Alan Hewitt



I believe that I should stand as a candidate because I have first hand knowledge as an In Patient, as well as using the Out Patient service, I would wish to ensure that the Trust remains a Centre of Excellence for the people of all the areas using the hospitals.

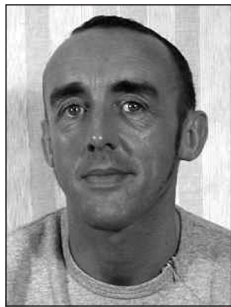
I have been a member of the Patient and Public Advisory Group.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Maurice Kerfoot



During February 2015, Greater Manchester (GM) signed a devolution agreement to take charge of the NHS's health and social care spending decisions, combining all services around the individual to deliver a more responsive care outcome, including mental health. As a Psychotherapist registered with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (MBACP) I have followed the work of the Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) with interest, encouraged by MFT's initial focus on transforming mental health provision for GM residents.

Enhancements to MFT's mental health provision are clearly evident through the increased access to psychological therapies, the improved access to acute care pathways and the greater focus on community wellbeing programs. All services are accessible to patients irrespective of race, disability, gender, gender reassignment, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, caring responsibility, social class, pregnancy and maternity status. Patients have identical entitlement to access the highest quality services our NHS offers, publicly owned and free at the point of delivery.

The experience I have gained within the field of psychotherapy will benefit contributions I can make as a Governor. I will represent the interests of all NHS staff members or NHS patients, objectively communicating your own experiences, concerns or outcomes to the Board of Directors, challenging them to account for the Trust's performance. I will work hard towards the continued NHS foundation of a just culture, open and transparent to the needs of all NHS staff and patients.

Thanks to all who voted for me during the 2017 election.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: The Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Ann Kerrigan



I have just retired from work, live in Manchester and want to give something back to my community. Like most people I have used the NHS throughout my life - from childhood illnesses to child birth. We can take the NHS for granted because it is inconceivable that it won't always be there for us. I want to make sure that in Manchester it will always be here for us, our children and our grandchildren.

I have a fairly wide experience of the NHS including the Manchester University Trust (I worked for a short period at Wythenshawe Hospital as a health care assistant) and until recently worked for the public service trade union UNISON as an organiser dealing with workers across the Trust.

I have campaigned to stop privatisation and to ensure good terms and conditions for staff in the NHS. The highest quality staff lead to the highest quality care. I have worked with staff from private companies and have concerns about outsourcing NHS services to private companies.

Before living in Manchester I lived in East Lancashire where I was an elected councillor for 13 years and during which time I chaired Pendle Council's Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

I hope that you will vote for me in this election.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: The Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Frederick Leatherbarrow



I'm Frederick Leatherbarrow known as Fred, I am 72 years old and been married for forty years with 5 children. I was born in Didsbury and lived in Northenden for the last 40 years. Since retiring ten years ago I have maintained the cricket pitch at my local cricket club.

I was a licensee for 20 years then operations manager for a leisure group which included restaurants and snooker clubs. I am also a qualified stock auditor.

In the past five years I have been involved in the following.

On the service committee of Your Housing Group.

Participant in the Wythenshawe and Northenden Neighbourhood Partnership.

Age Friendly Wythenshawe.

Manchester wellbeing fund.

South Manchester transport forum.

I have also started up a patient participation group at Northenden practice and now two local practices want to join it.

If elected I will ask the questions patients don't get the chance to ask.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Dr Emmanuel Olu Olatoye



Manchester is a huge cosmopolitan city. Manchester is also the greatest conurbation in Europe with almost ten Universities within 20 mile radius, having about 250, 000 students studying in the universities. This makes Manchester a very important city in the UK.

I came into Manchester in 1984 to study for a PhD in Chemistry and have stayed in Manchester ever since. I've watched MIR do a fantastic job in their service of healthcare provision for people in central Manchester.

WHAT DO I BRING INTO THE GOVERNORSHIP?

I have seen MIR change over the years. I live very close to MIR hospital and have been there countless times.

I am the founder and first Chairman of the Ardwick Tenants Association which have brought me close into the workings of the NHS. I am also the founder and president of "The Refuge", working in advocacy for the thousands of International students. I am familiar with the health needs of the International Students which are up close to the hospitals I will help shape and expand and the response of NHS to the needs of the International Students and workers in Manchester.

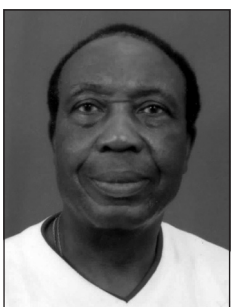
Mental health is a very important issue in Manchester. I have been the Senior Pastor of Calvary Gospel Church for 27 years and member of Pentecostal Community Association. This has enabled me to help many people with mental health issues. I will work with the mental health team to provide even better mental healthcare.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Christian Parties Alliance

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Chief George Osundiya



In my career I have accumulated different types of experience as an accountant, an auditor, a consultant where I investigated programmes, businesses, making, where necessary, suitable recommendations that improved profit and effectiveness.

I have been Secretary, president, chairman in several organisations where I have had to make various recommendations which have resulted in improvements to various Staff and organisations. Our role as elected representatives will not be limited to hospital services only will include other related services which will incorporate varied and interesting duties such as social services. Many different factors will be represented including public members who have cause or need to use NHS services and this will include patients, carers, staff who can have the opportunity to offload their complaints or ideas.

I used to develop a multitude of networks with fellow students and colleagues where an exchange of views leading to improvements can result. I ended my career as a lecturer, then as an examiner; positions that have given me the ingredients

of appreciating various contributions and interpretations made by different candidates.

I helped to promote the views and aspirations of subordinate staff who, as a result, were promoted or obtained a higher, better life. I have thus gained the satisfaction of helping to improve responsibilities of various personnel.

That I may be part and parcel of elected governors that can help improve a much-maligned organisation, which is the ultimate purpose, must be a sweet, interesting understanding, a goal which I hope to be proud to achieve

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Syed Rahman



As a user and a provider of NHS services, I hold the NHS dear to my heart. I am passionate about the NHS ethos. I follow closely the local and national policy change that impacts our NHS. I will do everything possible, whether elected or not, to preserve the constitution and the institutions that build the NHS the world best health care provider.

Professionally, I am an optometrist and have been practicing in central Manchester for over 15 years, providing various NHS services and engaging with the public and patients on a daily bases. I do not shy away from hearing and sharing my opinions, on the progress of the NHS, and what can be done to improve it further.

I have worked closely with the MFT, NHS England and CCG to deliver various eye care services and have gained experience working with them. I take my patients very seriously, my patients are my family and my practice is their home.

I have spent all my life in the vicinity of MFT, engaging and working with MFT. I have graduated from Manchester University and completed my postgraduate MBA from Manchester Metropolitan University.

I hope I can have the opportunity to serve our gem MFT, help maintain its integrity, continue to support its aspirations as the world best provider of health care, and help MFT serve its population with the love and dedication it continues to show.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Alan Frank Scott



I wish to become a Public Governor because I believe deeply that providing high quality medical services across our city is vital to sustain the health & well-being of the residents of Greater Manchester. The service must attract doctors & nurses of the highest calibre; it must promote the highest quality of patient care & safety as well as providing all the quality community services; home nursing, intermediate care and all that is required to sustain & develop adult social care services now so much in demand.

A governor must articulate the needs and aspirations of the community, ensuring that vital services are provided to ensure appropriate healthcare of the highest standard is available and thus promote, a healthy community.

As governor I must act as a conduit between Community and Directors of the Trust, ensuring views, concerns and aspirations are voiced clearly at the appropriate forums. As a former high school head, Magistrate for over 30 years and now governor of two Manchester schools I feel I have the appropriate skills & commitment to take on the role of Governor. To act in the role of critical friend and not feel apprehensive to have 'courageous conversations' where standards of healthcare must be maintained for the good of the people and to promote the reputation of Manchester University N.H.S Foundation Trust.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Michael Anthony Smythmoan

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To promote health and safety, equal opportunities and risk assessment procedures for all staff and customers. Check out the mamonatianddelille association and the celsa association.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Grantley Ludlow Vernon

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I would like to be a Governor of the NHS Foundation Trust as I feel I could contribute towards the decision making around patient care within the NHS.

I have been a Manchester resident for the past 40 years and at times I have had to use the services of the NHS plus other family members have also used the NHS.

I am involved in my community with voluntary work; involved planting trees in my local area thus helping the environment; I currently work as a driver taking children with learning difficulties to and from school.

I would be grateful if you would consider my application.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Lisa Watson



I came to Manchester in 1998 as a student and stayed. Until my children were born, I didn't have much need for MFT, but since my two were born at MRI and Wythenshawe have appreciated access to excellent pediatric services. My son Joe was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 11 years old, so he is a regular attendee at T1 MRI clinic and has been part of CMFT, although will soon be moving over to adult T1 clinic. My daughter Iona was diagnosed with ASD at the end of last year and is currently attending Manchester Hospital School. Having two children with long term health conditions, I know what it is like to be a parent with children attending MFT and now have a personal understanding how RMCH operates. I would like to be a Governor to ensure all children (and adults) attending MFT continue to have the best possible access to clinical expertise and services currently available.

Following my degree, I have worked with lots of people and NW communities in arts and education, including creating artwork with patients, their parents and staff in the old Alder Hey Hospital, teaching in Manchester schools and at The Manchester Museum, as well as being a board member of an Asian Arts organisation; Shisha. For the last 6 years, I have run my own Made in GB textiles business. I wish to utilise my professional expertise in arts, education and business by becoming a Governor at MFT.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Iman Zaib



I am privileged to be a young member of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. My vision; high quality of care, safety of all patients and staff and most importantly, equality and diversity.

I would like to seize this opportunity because since my younger brother who was diagnosed with urea cycle disorder at the age of one, I found myself being more passionate in regards to healthcare as I was constantly - and still am - caring for him.

I would like to see a change, improvements that will make patients feel secure, with high quality service and provision. I would like to be a part of making the public proud. Through our local NHS trust.

I have volunteered at a dementia hospital and have gained skills which I believe are applicable to this role, I have had many leadership roles; being part of an environmental committee and a student voice rep at Loreto college. Both of these roles have enabled me to better myself.

I understand what responsibilities may arise with this role and am fully committed to the challenges. I want humanity to come together and do what is best for everyone. To display kindness, affection and to care. We can't get the better of the world unless we act and come together for the best of us all. Together we are stronger.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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