

# CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

## Election to the Council of Governors Staff: Nursing and Midwifery

Please read carefully before casting your vote.

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).

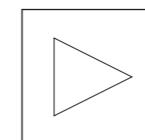
MFT is one of the largest NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK and we are responsible for running a family of nine hospitals across six separate sites. We provide a wide range of services from comprehensive local general hospital care through to highly specialised regional and national services. In addition, 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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## Jane Amaeshi



I have benefited from the wonderful flexibility offered by this great Trust. I will like to enhance the same for the betterment of all staff who desire flexibility in their work schedule.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

## Jain Chackochan



I, Jain Chackochan, strongly believe that I am one of the strongest candidates for governor as I can donate something very valuable to our Manchester Foundation Trust and for its future. Our trust is one of the largest NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK and with a family of nine hospitals among MREH where I am working, it is the only outstanding eye hospital nationally and Gold accredited this year. I am very happy to announce that I want to represent the nursing and midwifery team for their better future and attract skilled people into the nursing career as it is an ever-growing profession with plenty of golden opportunities to develop and be proud of. The knowledge and skills I can bring it into this role as a trained nurse, midwife, anaesthetic nurse, where I am experienced in theaters, in-patient, outpatient, adults, children, ophthalmology, neuro, spinal, could create a firm foundation for this role. I am a successful team leader who has a clear vision for my patients and the staff for the four MTC units that I manage (Central, Trafford, High street of Wythenshaw and Cheetham Hill). Also, I have formed and have been running a charity from 2013 as a trustee and UK coordinator, with 200+ volunteers across the UK, who aim to promote and provide awareness in organ donation and stem cell donation, therefore, able to support NHS in its long run. These are the reasons I am the best candidate for the governor post.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

## John Cooper



I have really appreciated the opportunity to be a staff governor for the last 2 years. The responsibility of representing the voice of the many staff of the Trust has been especially important and inspiring to me, especially given the many changes the Trust has experienced within this term.

Acting as a staff governor in what has been my first term of office has been both enlightening and fascinating. The experience I have gained and the determination to continue to support the voice of staff has only continued to grow and flourish.

I am an Advanced Care Practitioner in the Eye hospital and have worked there for over 27 years. I am proud to be a nurse and proud to work for this Trust.

The Trust is continuing to have ever-higher aspirations and is quite rightly want to improve the health and well-being of the population of Manchester and beyond. This will undoubtedly will add additional pressures and want to ensure that our ambitions together are balanced against the needs of our staff so that we can all provide the best and safest care we can.

I would encourage you to consider re-electing me for a second term so I can continue to support the needs of the staff and the patients you all care for and in return I will ensure that to the best of my ability I will continue to be your voice for the foreseeable future.

**Declaration of Interests:**

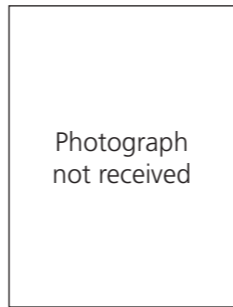
**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** I director of a Limited company - JJC Ophthalmics Ltd

Key Meeting Attendance during Term of Office as an MFT Governor								
Council of Governors' Meetings								
2017	2018				2019			Total
20 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> February	16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> July	
✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓ = 3/8 attendances

Key = ✓ – Attended  
x – Did Not Attend

## Emmy Knowles



I feel i should be nominated for the staff governer roll as i am very passionate about rreating a postive change for our NHS and future. I have excellent communication skills and i am passionate about deveolping networks and engaging with people from a wider community. I would like to give something positive back the NHS to ensure that patients and family members get the best care. I am newly qualified nurse 5 months in post , and i am passionate about getting ivolved in extra work in order to see the fruits of my labour and learn anything positive along the way sp that i can add value to my role my team and patients. What really struck my eye when applying for this position was the positive enforcments you are looking to acheive, and i think that is outstanding and very eye opening. I feel i could be a ideal candidate for this role due to my passion to help and enforce change with every intention to be good. whilst reading the code of conduct the values are very stricking towards me as a person and i really like this. I would also like to work on my leadership and i feel that all the skills gained from this role would be a great attribute to my career as a staff nurse so, i would love to have the oppportunity to do this.

Warmest regards

Emmy

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

## Olufunke Soyemi



I am an experienced registered nurse having worked both in the hospital and community settings for many years.

I have been involved in the highest form of individualised patient care and always been interested in helping student nurses , health care assistants and trainee nurse assistant to develop the right skills in the proper way in order to achieve good patient care.

I am well versed and can help to support staff and rally them to deliver high performance and ensure continuous improvement in all levels of nursing care.

I am willing and well knowledgeable to help develop,implement development to the nursing staff and nursing care which inadvertently will improve overall patient care.

I have and maintain a good rapport with patients , patients relatives and colleagues which is cordial and improves patient staff relationship.

I have a good relationship with members of other multi disciplinary team with whom my team meets regarding clients utmost care and safety.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None