

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors Public: Trafford

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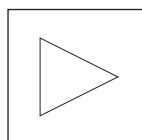
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) was formed on 1st October 2017 following the merger of Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM).

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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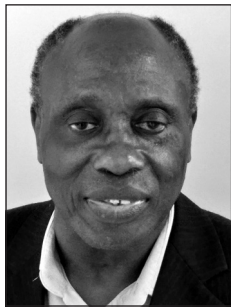
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Titus Babatunde Adunola



I have lived and worked in Manchester over the last 30 years, during which time, my family and I have benefitted greatly, as service users, from the services provided by all the various staff of CMFT that we have had opportunities to come into contact with. We appreciate the good works they are doing, in spite of all the various constraints placed upon them due to political changes and the financial cuts, coupled with the various national policy changes.

I am seeking to become a governor in order to continue to support the great works that are being done, as well as helping to shape the future of the institution by using my experience to contribute positively towards the development of the trust. I also wish to represent the views of my constituents very well by consulting them on matters that are important to them regarding their health and their use of the facilities provided by CMFT. I hope to be the voice for those who feel neglected. I come from the BME group, who are sometimes under-represented in public affairs, I therefore hope to help to fill such gap.

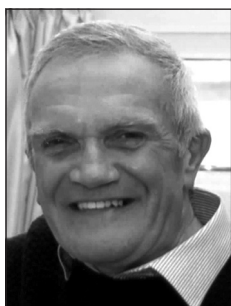
Lastly, I have experience of serving as chairperson of a christian charity group, where I had responsibility for looking after the welfare of the members. I hope that experience will help me to emphasise with the people I hope to serve. I am also currently carrying out a research on nursing leadership in Africa, which can be useful here.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

David Brown



My name is David Brown and I am a retired Company Commercial Director, having worked for 44 years involved in the sales of hand tools and machinery, negotiating national contracts at the highest level with customers including the Ministry of Defence and I.C.I. I have worked for three different family businesses during that time and have managed various departments including internal and external sales, export sales and national contracts. I have also been responsible for each of the companies' quality management and health and safety legislation. However my working career started as a Laboratory Technician at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and the Manchester Royal Infirmary respectively where I served a total of 5 years but sadly had to withdraw as I was unable to qualify.

To complete the circle, since retiring I have become a volunteer at MFT, working one day at the Manchester Hospital Campus and a second day at Altrincham Hospital and have now completed 7 years in this rewarding role. I am currently the Chairman of the Senior Volunteer Group.

I am married with a 30 year old daughter who is a Sister on the Intensive Care Unit at Wythenshawe Hospital and I have two step sons. Whilst my daughter was at junior school I became a school governor and served for 3 years.

I therefore feel that my wealth of experience would be of considerable benefit to the Trust should I be elected as a Public Governor.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Margaret Clarke



I am a retired Registered General Nurse and was employed in the NHS for over 40 years in a variety of disciplines. This has given me insight and experience in the developing and changing strategies over the years.

Since my retirement I have effectively become a carer for my husband, whose health has deteriorated over the past 6 years, so I have seen the NHS from both perspectives. I have become increasingly concerned about lack of information, for example when the GP makes referral to a consultant, and for the need to improve communication between Trusts, for example in the changes recently made for diabetic eye screening.

I believe as a public governor I would be an advocate for the lay person, and can contribute to change and developments of new services.

I recognize there are enormous changes occurring in the NHS and I believe that I can devote my time and commitment to assist in any way that I can.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Harcourt Martin Concannon



I feel that I can usefully bring my experience as a patient, where I benefited from excellent medical and nursing services, to the work of the Board. I have had five in-patient procedures and continue to attend three different outpatient clinics. All of this makes me want to contribute something back to the NHS Trust, to make a return for the dedicated service I have been able to enjoy,

The role of the informed Governor is a vital part in the open dialogue between patients and the Trust, it is important that the Trust get a good first-hand picture of patient experience, without such feedback it is difficult to properly assess how services can be made better still.

Two examples:

In an outpatient clinic I was asked to complete a survey using an electronic tablet. The instructions were unclear and I was repeatedly returned to the start. This was annoying and I had to do it three times in order to complete it. Such surveys can be a useful tool but my experience might be disturbing to some patients. It is really important to fully test and trial such surveys.

Before a recent procedure, patients due for it were invited to an information session conducted by the Ward manager, who explained what would happen in the Ward and following discharge. This was enormously helpful to everyone but it was pity I had no opportunity at the time to fully say what a good idea it was.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Aaron Davies



As a resident of Trafford and working within Manchester, I know how to advocate for the diverse voice of the communities that make up our region. I will ensure that I speak up for the interests of all members as well as those of the wider public, to ensure that as a collective our voices are heard.

I am committed to ensuring that our services and facilities are safe, equitable and deliver to the high standards of care that we all deserve.

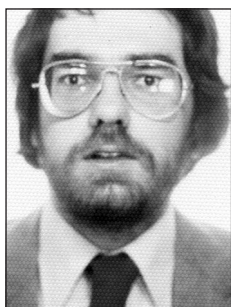
I am a Social Worker currently employed in a Local Authority, and have previously spent time working within the NHS as well as in the Voluntary Sector. I have the skill and ability to hold Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust accountable to the public it is there to serve and represent.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Graham Hoy



Born in Sale, a widow with 4 children, an economics graduate from the University of Wales, Cardiff with a postgraduate diploma, I've run a small advertising consultancy since 1991.

As a long-standing YMCA member I train regularly at the Y Club; I'm a "Friend" (supporter/mini sponsor) of a local non-league football club; I'm a mentor at MMU and I chair a Patient Participation Group at a GP practice with a particularly diverse demographic – we're currently a partner in a research project with a leading university with the aim of increasing patient engagement and improving outcomes.

I've previously held various positions in local groups, including manager, secretary, delegate and chair and have experience in dealing with local authorities and governing bodies.

The NHS is changing.

The NHS needs to change.

The NHS model no longer works.

Healthtech is playing an increasing part.

The private sector is increasingly involved.

All true; the question is "where do we go from here?"

Are apps, robots, online consultations the answer? Not entirely.

Is more funding the answer? Not entirely; it's needed but isn't the sole solution to problems in communication and other issues.

Is devolution the answer? Not entirely; some professionals will say that it's had little effect.

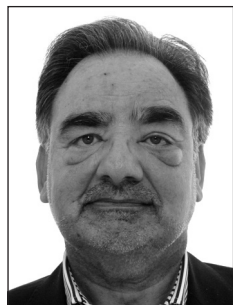
What can we do in Manchester? Let's start by being honest - about what the real problems are; which ones can be fixed; what we're doing wrong; what's working in some areas and how that can be rolled out.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Mohammed Ishtiaq



Being a 64 year old, I am now at a stage in my career where I can devote time and effort to give back to the community and not only have I been the son, husband and father of patients in the MRI, Trafford General and Wythenshawe hospitals, but I myself have been a patient in the last few years.

I have had a relationship with the MRI renal team since 2009 because my son suffered kidney failure and had a transplant in 2013. During this difficult time, we became aware of the challenges of facing Asian patients on transplant waiting lists and being of Asian origin myself, I was requested to assist in raising awareness of the need for organ donation. My family and I have therefore supported numerous events to not only raise funds but organise seminars with faith leaders in the communities.

Having worked in the corporate sector in three different industries (Procurement in Aerospace & FMCG and Real Estate Development) since leaving University, I feel confident that I am well placed to assist the NHS Trust in many areas to reduce costs and increase efficiencies.

In recent months I have been assisting the University of Manchester's VR research team in trying to secure private sector funding and this work has involved the transplant surgeons of the renal unit. In these efforts, I have become acutely aware of the challenges facing the Trust and would like to assist in whatever way I am able to do so.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Philip Largan



I have a passion for healthcare through mine and my family's experiences with the NHS, and through my wife who works for the NHS in the North West. I see great importance of protecting and promoting the interests of patients and the public. I also understand a governor's role thanks to my two-year involvement as a publicly elected governor at Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I was part of the council of governors during the period of merger with University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust to form Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT). This has given me a great insight into the positive work that the Trust does, and I want to contribute going forward.

I am a chartered quantity surveyor with nearly 15 years' experience managing the financial and legal considerations of the construction industry on major projects including hospitals, schools, heritage buildings and large infrastructure developments. I have a degree in management science, a masters in quantity surveying commercial management and I have educational experience of economics, maths and law.

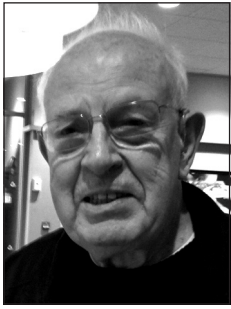
I understand the value of challenging the Board of Directors to improve standards of care and drive efficiency for the benefit of the Trust's members and the public. I am committed to ensuring that MFT continues the outstanding work that is being done in the region, and it would be an honour to be appointed as a public governor for the Trust.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Frederick Meredith



Since retiring I have been involved on the committee of the over fifties where we endeavoured to help local people's problems.

I left due to a disagreement with the council, who wanted to run the group with a chairperson being a young female about eighteen to twenty, which I considered wrong as this person would decide on the agenda.

On leaving the over fifties I was asked to represent Trafford in the North West Forum a government group covering North West Lancashire Cheshire and Cumbria Meetings covered problems in this area, these were taken up by the chair or vice chair at Westminster.

There were approximately thirty members from all areas. Due to financial constraints this was closed down in the year 2012 to 2013, I have been involved in charity work since.

My background is in heavy engineering I was educated and trained locally my final 25 years was inspector/expediter covering work from Norway to Mediterranean for all major companies eg BP/Shell atomic energies Canada China, Korea my experience covered assessment of companies operations and set up aswell as quality control.

This can be reflected on visits to hospitals and other NHS establishments I am local born educated, trained, locally. I have been involved in the trust for approximately 8 years and known by some.

Being older hospital visits are more frequent and this exposes problems in their set up.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Anne Stevenson



I have lived and worked in the Greater Manchester area for most of my life in education, social services and within the prison education service working with students/pupils with challenging behaviour, vulnerable young people and people with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities.

I have previously served as a governor at a college in Salford and would welcome the opportunity to act in that capacity for the MFT.

My husband has received excellent care from the Christie for the last few years and I have been treated in an exemplary way by the Macular Unit at Trafford General for the last three years. These are personal examples of good practice but throughout the Trust, there may well be areas that need improvement and perhaps better co-ordination with external support services.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

John Ttikirou



I am a Chartered Accountant, Registered Auditor and a Partner at JT Accountants who has served on the ACCA's Manchester Members Network for three terms.

I trained within a medium sized practice and furthered my career at BOC Gases plc, and after a lengthy spell in industry was offered a role in practice which was the catalyst to my becoming a partner.

Having served on the ACCA panel I felt honoured to have played a vital role together with other panel members' support in transforming the committee from a failing mechanism into a rising star.

The NHS is a pivotal service for all people regardless of creed or culture and needs to be steered in a forward direction focusing on its values. This can be continued by using a good platform to ensure its arteries produce the results expected from it.

I believe forward vision, quality, professionalism and creativity are required in any committee's successful drive if its goals are to be achieved.

There are some deficiencies that need to be reviewed ie. less waste on costly appointment letters costs many £s to produce and in some instances two three or four letters are despatched for one person due to a cancellation or none attendance etc....

Staff cancelling appointments due to annual leave etc, this should be diarised in advance and not cancel clinics due to the staff holidays.

Costs need to be trimmed and managed better so that funds can be utilised on other resources that add value to *(statement cut at word limit)*

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