

Nomination Form Staff (2022)

Make a difference as a Governor of our NHS Foundation Trust – Be the Elected Voice for our Staff Members

Why not stand for election as a Staff Governor in our 2022 Elections – get started by filling in this nomination form?



*Playing
out in the sun on the roof
play area after months of being cooped
up in a hospital ward, ahh the toys have seen
better days and it's all worn but Brooke wasn't bothered,
I pushed him through those doors in his wheelchair his arms
went in the air, he took a huge gulp of fresh air and let the sun
wash all over his face, his pure joy, I cried. He said to me "mummy this
is the beginning of my healing on the inside, this is the best day". We
loved watching the world go by down below, we also enjoyed sitting
in the little hut chatting about everything and nothing, like we had no
cares in the world.*

*Brooke enjoyed trying to coax Susan out of her office to come play
on the roof with him. Happy memories during such a terrible
time, we thank you.*

*Our kindest regards
Brooke (patient) and Susan (Mum)*

*The
world loves you. If you
see people annoyed, short tempered,
frustrated or snappy - Please know 100% none
of it is for you. Humans are struggling and frustrated
and afraid. You are doing your best and your best is
perfect!! Please take care of you because you deserve
and are worthy of care too. I am proud of you, it's been
tough. It's great that you exist. You are enough. You
are worthy. May you be Blessed. May you be
Happy. May you be abundant. May you love
and be loved. May you live in
peace. X*

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Welcome

As a member of staff, you are automatically invited to become a member of our Foundation Trust (Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust - MFT), as we are confident that you want to play an active role in developing better quality services for both patients and staff.

At MFT we are responsible for running ten hospitals across seven different sites with the most recent to join our wider family of hospitals being North Manchester General Hospital, thus creating a Single Hospital Service for Manchester.

We are one of the largest acute Trusts in the UK employing over 28,000 staff with our vision being 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.

As an NHS Foundation Trust, staff members can be more involved in the work of our Trust with one of the key ways being through our Council of Governors. Who are responsible for representing the interests of our members (staff and public) and the wider public (at large), influencing the Trust's future plans and seeking performance assurance from our Board of Directors. Our Governors are encouraged to proactively engage with members and the wider public; acting as ambassadors when promoting membership and their role as a Governor.

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 support our Governors in becoming more representative of our members and communities whether in respect of race, disability, gender, gender reassignment, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, caring responsibility, social class and pregnancy and maternity. 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 staff, patients and our local communities.

Help completing this form

If you require any further information or assistance to complete this form, or if you require the nomination form in large print, Braille, audio or another language, please contact Ciara Hutchinson at Civica Election Services (formerly Electoral Reform Services) on 020 8889 9203 or email Ciara.Hutchinson@cesvotes.com You can find out more information on the election process, how to submit a nomination, tips on how to write an effective election statement alongside completing a form on-line via the following election website: www.cesvotes.com/mft2022

Criteria: To be eligible to stand for election

Before you proceed, you must first of all check that you meet the following criteria:

1. Be an eligible staff member* (aged 16 years or over) of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
2. Belong to (have a current job role in) the staff constituency (staff class) that you wish to represent
3. Be willing to declare your political and financial interests on page 5 of this form
4. Having carefully read the 'Declaration' section on page 6 of this form, you are eligible to stand as a Governor candidate. If later found that any of the declarations were, or become applicable, please be aware that this will result in you being removed as a Governor (if successfully elected).

** In order to be an eligible staff member, you must be employed by the Trust under a contract of employment which has no fixed term or has a fixed term of at least 12 months; or been continuously employed by the Trust under a contract of employment for at least 12 months or you must exercise functions for the purposes of the Trust, otherwise than under a contract of employment with the Trust, provided you have exercised these functions continuously for a period of at least 12 months. For the avoidance of doubt this does not include individuals who assist or provide services to the Trust on a voluntary basis.*



Your details (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Staff ID (Assignment No.):

Full Name:

Name as you wish it to appear on the election material (if different to Full Name):

Title (e.g. Mr, Ms, Dr):

Home Address:

Post Code:

Date of Birth:

Contact Telephone Number:

Contact Email Address:

Job Title/Role:

Department/Work Address:

Please note Use of the personal information (data) you have provided:

- your personal information will be used for the purpose of this nomination and for any ballot or appointment that may be required and for no other purpose.
- your personal information will remain confidential unless the Trust is required to release it by law.

The details that you provide will be used by the Trust to confirm your staff membership eligibility.

For Sodexo Staff only: By completing the above section of the form you are providing consent for the Trust's Membership Office and Civica Engagement/Election Services to retain your details for the purposes of being a staff member of MFT (required to validate your nomination form).

Your Staff Constituency (Class)

Please indicate which constituency you belong to. Please tick one box only.

My Staff Constituency (which my current job role falls into) is:

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing and Midwifery e.g. Community Nurses, Modern Matrons, Nurse Consultants, Practice Nurses, Sister/Charge Nurses, Specialist Nurses Practitioners, Staff Nurses, Midwives etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Clinical e.g. Allied Health Professionals, Healthcare Scientists, Technicians, Clinical Laboratory Staff, Chiropodists, Dietitians, Physiotherapists, Radiographers, Speech and Language Therapists, Health Care Support Workers, Medical Photographers, Healthcare Assistants, Trainee Nursing Associates, Pharmacists, Therapists etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Clinical & Support e.g. Administration and Secretarial Staff, Accountancy staff, Analysts, Managers, Domestic & Porters (Sodexo Staff), Medical Secretaries, Receptionists, Surveyors etc.
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Please note, there are no seats open for election this year in the Medical & Dental Staff Class

NB: In keeping with the Trust's Constitution, the Trust Secretary shall make the final decision about the staff class of which an individual is eligible to be a member.

Your photograph

Please print your name clearly on the reverse side of your photograph and glue it here (do not staple)

In keeping with the 'Model Election Rules' (produced by NHS Providers and form part of the Trust's Constitution), you are invited to provide a photograph of yourself, to be published alongside your statement in the election statement booklet.

You can affix your photograph to this form by gluing it to the space provided or by emailing it to **ftnominations@cesvotes.com**

Please tick here if you have emailed your photograph

Please Note: Candidates are welcome not to submit a photograph with the invitation to provide one being open to all candidates in order to fulfil requirements to provide members with appropriate information to make an informed choice about which candidate(s) they feel would best represent them, and is in keeping with the aforementioned 'Model Election Rules'.

Declaration of interests

Are you a member of a political party? YES NO

If you have answered yes, please let us know which one

Do you have any financial or other interest in the Trust? YES NO

If you have answered yes, please let us know what your interest is

Please note:

This information will be published. Where you have answered no, the word 'none' will be published as your answer.

For contested seats, and again to fulfil requirements to provide members with appropriate information to enable them to make an informed choice about which candidate(s) they feel would best represent them (in keeping with the aforementioned 'Model Election Rules'), election statement booklets (which accompany ballot papers) include all valid candidates' names alongside declarations, photographs and personal statements received. For candidates that are current Governors that are standing for re-election, key meeting attendance (provided by the Trust), is also included.



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Declaration – it is important that you read carefully the declaration section below in order to ensure your eligibility to stand as a Governor candidate. If later found that any of the declarations below were, or become applicable, this will result in you being removed as a Governor (if successfully elected)

I, the above named candidate (outlined on page 3), consent to my nomination and agree to stand for election to the Council of Governors in the staff constituency (staff class) indicated on page 3 of this form. I also declare that I am a eligible staff member (eligibility outlined on page 2) in that staff constituency and that I am not a member of any other staff class or public constituency.

I, the above named candidate (outlined on page 3), hereby declare that:

- a) I am not a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or whose estate has been sequestrated and (in either case) has not been discharged
- b) I am not a person who has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it
- c) I am not a person who within the preceding 5 years has been convicted in the British Islands of any offence if a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) was imposed on me.
- d) I am not a person who is under sixteen (16) years of age
- e) I am not a person who is subject to a sex offender order
- f) I am a person who has not within the preceding two (2) years been dismissed, by any other reason than redundancy, from any paid employment with an NHS body
- g) I am a person who has not had a tenure as the Chairman or as a member or Director of an NHS body terminated because my appointment is not in the interests of the health service, for non-attendance at meetings, or for non-disclosure of a pecuniary interest
- h) I accept and abide-by the Trust's values and will agree to confirm acceptance of and adhere to the Trust's Code of Conduct for Governors (details outlined in the Candidate Information Pack)
- i) I am not a Director of the Trust or a Governor or Director of an NHS body (unless appointed by an appointing organisation which is an NHS body)
- j) I am not the spouse, partner, parent or child of a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust
- k) I am not a member of a local authority's Scrutiny Committee covering health matters
- l) I am not a person who has previously been removed as a Governor or Member due to committing a serious breach of the Code of Conduct or that I acted in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Foundation Trust or that the Council of Governors considered that it was in the best interests of the Foundation Trust for me not to continue as a Governor or Member or for failing to attend Council of Governors' Meetings or for refusing to undertake any training which the Council of Governors requires all Governors to undertake, and that, if successfully elected, am aware that any future breach may result in being removed as a Governor
- m) I am not a person whose tenure as a Governor of another Foundation Trust has been terminated for cause
- n) I am aware that I will be required to consent to and clear a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and are aware that I will be disqualified if considered to be unsuitable by the Trust on the basis of any disclosures obtained
- o) I am aware that I will be required to disclose any declaration of interest on an annual basis or at any time should my circumstances change and that failure to disclose any interest may result in being removed as a Governor
- p) I am aware that I will be required to participate/attend regular meetings and training sessions and adhere to the Trust's Governor Meeting Ground Rules (details outlined in the Candidate Information Pack with meetings predominately held Monday to Friday, anytime between 9.00 am - 5.00 pm)
- q) I am not a person who is unfit and improper defined by regulation 5 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and/or condition on G4 of the Trust's Licence (details outlined in the Candidate Information Pack) and are aware that I will be required to consent to and clear associated checks/reviews i.e. insolvency, bankruptcy and disqualified directors' registration alongside a health questionnaire, and are also aware that in the event of being found, or becoming an unfit person, will result in being removed as a Governor
- r) I am not person who has refused to sign a declaration of my qualification to vote as a member of the Trust and that I am not prevented from being a member of the Council of Governors.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided on (or in connection with) this form is accurate.

Signature: Date:

**Remember to sign the declaration before returning your nomination form.
Your nomination form won't be valid without your signature.**

Close of nominations

After you have completed all sections of your nomination form, simply return it in the special reply envelope you have been provided with. You can also send a scanned copy of your completed form to ftnominations@cesvotes.com

Or alternatively, you can find/complete your form on-line via the election website: www.cesvotes.com/mft2022

Please ensure it is received by the Returning Officer, Ciara Hutchinson at Civica Election Services no later than:

- **5PM on FRIDAY 29 JULY 2022** - it won't be possible for you to stand in this election if your nomination form is received after this date/time (please do not return completed forms to the Trust (MFT) as these also will not be included in the election process).

All nomination forms received will be acknowledged within 24 hours by first class post to the address provided on page 3 of this form (or via e-mail if one has been provided). If you have not received your acknowledgement after this time (or if you are sending your form close to the deadline), please contact the Returning Officer who will check to make sure that your form has been safely received:

- Ciara Hutchinson – Returning Officer (Civica Election Services) Tel: 020 8889 9203
Email: Ciara.Hutchinson@cesvotes.com

If you have mislaid your reply envelope, please send your nomination form to Civica Election Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form.

Checklist

Before returning your nomination form, please ensure you have:

Please tick

- Completed all sections of this form
- Read carefully and if you are an eligible Governor candidate i.e. none of the declarations are applicable to you, you have signed the declaration on page 6
- Checked your statement for accuracy and that you have not exceeded the maximum number of words i.e. 250
- Provided a photograph, if you would like one published in the election statement booklet (voting pack sent to members) in the event that the seat is contested

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*Many thanks to Everyone
within the NI-IS from Cleaners
up to high management.*



Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust



Important Information:

Newly elected Governors formally take up their role following closure of our Annual Members' Meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday 20th September 2022

Virtual Meeting Format - details to be posted on the 2022 Annual Members' Meeting webpage (see link below)

All candidates standing for election are invited to participate in this meeting (please make a note of this date in your diary). Please note that in response to the COVID-19 National Emergency, all 2022 Membership Meeting arrangements, which are open to the public, continue to remain under review with any changes in format being undertaken as and when required. Meeting format updates will be posted on the associated 2022 Annual Members' Meeting webpage - <https://mft.nhs.uk/member-meetings/annual-members-meeting-3/>

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