

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors
Public: Trafford

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Dr Razwan Ali



I am standing for election as a Public Governor for Trafford because I am deeply committed to ensuring that our local community receives the best possible NHS care now and in the future.

I completed my medical degree at the University of Manchester and have previously worked in Manchester’s teaching hospitals, gaining first-hand experience of the challenges and opportunities within our healthcare system. I now live in Trafford with my wife and our three young children, giving me both a professional and personal stake in the quality of local NHS services.

As a GP with over a decade of experience, I have worked across primary and secondary care, developing a comprehensive understanding of patient needs and system pressures. I have also served in senior roles within NHS bodies, including in clinical governance, quality and safety, and performance oversight. These positions have strengthened my ability to provide objective scrutiny, challenge constructively, and work collaboratively to drive improvement.

If elected, I will be a strong voice for Trafford residents, ensuring that their concerns and experiences are heard at the highest level. I will advocate for timely access to care, uphold high standards of patient safety and quality, and support innovation that improves outcomes.

The NHS is a cornerstone of our community. By drawing on my clinical background, leadership experience, and deep connection to Trafford, I will work tirelessly to help Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust flourish and deliver the best care for our patients.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: Conservative party
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Ann Balfour

Standing for re-election



Governors have a vital role to play in seeking assurance on Manchester Foundation Trust’s (MFT) progress towards its vision of providing high quality care for patients in Trafford and Manchester. I am seeking re-election and will continue to ask challenging questions seeking assurances about the care the Trust provides its patients and their families. I have lived in Trafford for over 30 years, and I have extensive personal experience of the outstanding hospitals in MFT. I have been a governor of the trust for the last three years and have learnt how MFT is striving to manage the challenges facing it. Prior to my recent retirement, I was a senior leader in the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare industry working with the NHS throughout my career. Alongside my healthcare experience, I have been a governor in a Trafford Grammar School for over 13 years. I bring valuable commercial and governance experience to the role. I understand that this position is about providing an alternative view and being a voice for the community, not about the specifics of operational leadership. I am passionate about the NHS and its critical role within our society. If re-elected, I would be focused on understanding and valuing the views and needs of others in Trafford. I would be accessible, and work to provide a fair and balanced voice, whilst using my expertise and understanding of corporate governance to support the leadership of Trust.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Ann Balfour: Attendance during current 1st Term of Office at MFT (3-year period: September 2022 – current date)

2022		2023				2024				2025			Total
23 rd Nov	8 th Feb	2 nd May	12 th July	22 nd Nov	21 st Feb	14 th May	24 th July	20 th Nov	17 th Dec	19 th Feb	14 th May	23 rd July	
x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓ = 9/13 attendances

Trafford Public Constituency

Key = ✓ - Attended
 X – Did Not Attend

Mukesh Bansal



My name is Mukesh Bansal, and I am standing for election as a Governor of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. Having served as a Governor previously, I possess a deep understanding of the healthcare landscape and the crucial role of a Governor in representing members and holding the Board of Directors to account. My extensive board-level governance experience, coupled with over 27 years in technology and public service, has provided me with the strategic skills needed to be an effective leader.

As the Deputy CEO of Youth Advantage UK, my work is dedicated to empowering young people and advancing their human rights. This experience has reinforced my commitment to community well-being and my ability to advocate for diverse groups. I am passionate about ensuring patients and carers receive the highest standards of care. I will use my experience to help improve quality and safety within the Trust.

The Trust’s mission and values of being compassionate, curious, collaborative, open & honest, and inclusive align with my own. My background in technology will enable me to support the Trust’s strategic shift “From Analogue to Digital,” ensuring the organization is well-prepared for the future.

I am passionate about ensuring that patients and carers receive the highest standard of care. If elected, I will leverage my professional and personal experience to help improve the services and will be a proactive leader, engaging with members and the wider community to effectively represent their interests and contribute to the continued success of the Trust.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Nigel Bode



After visiting my wife for 6 months during the year 2000 including the end of covid I experienced the good and the bad of Wythenshawe hospital including terminal care social services information and arranging care packages and how these were handled by the hospital

In the end I am particularly interested in the arrangement of social services packages and the liason between council and hospital

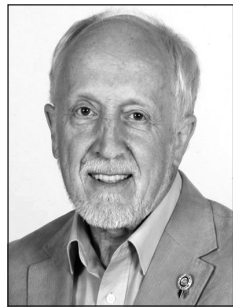
Also due to bereavement my interest are the sepsis pathway and how it is handled in the hospital environment

All these interests are due to bereavement and the lack of care in above areas

thank you

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Christopher Boyes



As a Local Councillor I served for 4 years as a Nominated Governor at Wythenshawe, and for 5 years at MFT from its inception. I volunteered because I am particularly interested in every aspect of the NHS, having myself been treated by over a dozen consultants in most hospital departments. None of these conditions was life threatening, although I have been an in-patient at both Wythenshawe and MRI.

The role of Governor is demanding of one's time, with prospectively over twenty meetings and site visits each year. These take place during working hours, each lasting around four hours. Being retired I have sufficient time to commit. My attendance at MFT Council of Governors during my latest three-year term was 100%.

Governors have a duty to hold to account the non-Executive Directors who in turn do likewise to the Board for its performance.

MFT is a huge entity and I believe Governors have, with the non-Executive Directors, a duty to consider and scrutinise the following areas.

- Clinical Care and Patient Safety
- Financial Management
- Development and Maintenance of the Estate, Infrastructure and Resources
- Strategic Forward Planning in which Governors have a significant part to play.

As importantly, Public Governors represent their constituents and must deliver two-way communication. They must therefore be able to network among them.

Having lived in Trafford for over 50 years, I believe my wide-ranging local personal contacts, coupled with my experience of the world of work, plus previous Governor experience, qualifies me for a further period of office.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: The Conservative and Unionist Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Rachel Cragg



I have read the details of the Governor role in detail and believe that I have the skills and commitment to support MFT in the way required.

I believe that the provision of excellent and compassionate health care is central to building strong, sustainable public communities and to improving the quality of individual lives for all of us. I think that is a difficult thing to achieve and would like to make a contribution in helping deliver that.

I have had a long and varied career in the commercial sector and in that time I have developed a range of skills that I think will be useful to MFT as a Governor.

I am used to working strategically, building and delivering long term plans and making sure that objectives are met whilst ensuring fiscal governance.

I have a customer service background and am well versed in making sure that organisations deliver to their customers rather than deliver to their internal requirements.

I am used to managing client relationships and believe that my strong communication skills will assist in the key functions of communicating with existing members, recruiting new members and asking the right questions of the Board of Directors when required.

I am a high motivated, organised and committed person.

I think with these skills I will make a positive contribution to MFT, staff, patients, carers, families and communities and I hope that I can be given the opportunity to do so

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Please see over

Dr Clive Feingold



I had to take early retirement at the end of the year 2000- post operatively. Discs in my neck were replaced by bone taken from my Iliac crest but unfortunately I was not able to return to work. I had, up till then worked in general practice In Bury, Oldham, Salford and Liverpool.

From a practical aspect i was quite progressive. I had my own Dental laboratory at the rear of the practice.

I had a Laser machine in the very early days (which I still have). Enjoyed oral surgery, root canal therapy and still have freinds who often remind me that the Detistry I did for the is still in action

One of the spectrs that gave me most rewards was the fact that childrens dentistry was a low priority but I managed to change that by instilling care and consideration as a prime factor in the treatment of children.

I also followed upgrades in equipment on a 4 year rotation basis. Keeping up to date and treating my patients and staff respectfully was my prime consideration.

Even though I have been retired for many years my enthusiasm has not faded. Advances in the profession have shown that Dentistry is not only a great proffesion but has become an art form as well My work was my hobby =the added benefit was that I got paid as well.

Thank you.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Paul Hulse



I'm applying to serve as a public governor for Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust because I believe in the power of communication, collaboration and community-led change. Having previously served on a school governing board with Trafford Council, I've seen how leadership can drive to important meaningful improvements.

I will bring commitment to improving the health and quality of life of our diverse communities aligns with my own values and experience. I'm particularly inspired by its focus on reducing health inequalities to ensure all areas where strong communication and public engagement are essential.

If elected, I will be a proactive, provide a visible presence, listening to constituents, and advocating for inclusive, transparent decision-making.

I'll champion initiatives that support frontline staff, improve access to care, and ensure that feedback from patients and communities leads to real, measurable change.

I've helped shape local improvements by listening intently, communicating clearly, and advocating for meaningful change. That experience taught me how vital it is to bridge gaps not only between leadership and the public, but also between frontline staff and the systems they serve.

The healthcare matters important to you become as important to me.

I will bring this same energy, focus, and empathy to the governor role. My communication skills allow me to translate concern into action, creating space for real engagement, thoughtful scrutiny, and collaborative progress. I want to ensure that our healthcare system reflects the diversity and dignity of every patient and staff member.

Thank you for considering me as your representative.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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Jawad Husain



I have been a resident of Trafford since 1999 and have seen significant changes to the provision of health care in the borough. I have previously worked as an Executive Medical Director at another NHS Trust and am aware of how important quality and safety is in provision of timely care and services to the community.

As a governor I will be the voice of my local residents and community, to help ensure that we are able to access right service at right time. Being a health service user I know how important it is for the NHS Trusts to be responsive to their customer needs.

I am well aware of the challenges NHS is currently facing with waiting lists and delays in timely intervention predominantly as a result of Covid but also the huge financial deficit NHS currently is facing.

I will work with the other governors, non-executive directors and executive team in helping tackle health inequalities in our area, provision of care nearer to home, ensuring our community services are of high quality and our local hospitals are clean, adequately staffed and provide excellent outcomes.

By engaging with residents, members of MFT and local support groups , I will be able to help influence the future of high quality health care in our area which will be in line with the 10 year NHS plan.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Geoffrey Terence Morrison



I have being a Governor of the trust twice before

For the area of Trafford. I was a member of UCAT(USER CONSTULTATION ADVOCATE TEAM) representing view of service users in Trafford.Going to various meetings & professional meetings the work was very interesting I wish to represent them again if possible

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None