

# CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors  
**Public: Greater Manchester**

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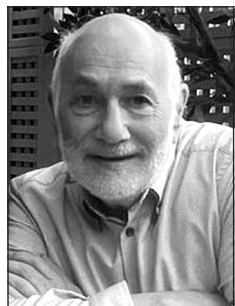
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## Brian Baker



To be given your vote would be one of the greatest honours I could be given. I am no politician, I do not have any allegiances to any political parties, I am truly independent other than my allegiances to you the voter. So why vote for me ? The simple answer is I will be your voice in the vast NHS – Your chance to have your say, your chance to determine how your NHS is made to work for you. An NHS governed by people who care, an NHS governed by people who use common sense to make decisions that make the service better, more user friendly and more efficient for the people who need it, not the people who can pay for it. We all agree the NHS needs more funding, and I for one will use this role, if you vote for me, to push for more money, better services, and fairness to all. But whilst we wait for this money, lets make sure that the vast resources we receive now are used for the good of the NHS, used to provide better and improved services for you. For the last few years, I have worked with various sections of the NHS, and it has always been my honour to serve. With your vote I can serve you the voter by making sure your voice is heard and acted on. Thank You.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

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## Mark Bamberger



If elected as a Public Governor, I will be a committed and effective voice for the people of Greater Manchester, representing public views and ensuring they are embedded in the future of our healthcare services. I have been an Emergency Medical Responder since 2006 and actively volunteer as a support worker and liaison officer with several NHS Trusts. I regularly work in hospitals across Greater Manchester, giving me a strong understanding of the concerns of both patients and staff. I am well placed to reflect what the public values and expects from our NHS. I am also the Registered Manager for a CQC-registered ambulance service, bringing direct operational, clinical, and regulatory experience to this role. This has deepened my insight into patient care standards, compliance, and the importance of safe, responsive services. I currently serve on the boards of several medical, bereavement, and charitable organizations and advocate directly on behalf of patients within hospital environments. I am developing a new volunteer network with an NHS Trust to allow trained, verified volunteers to support patients, families, and staff on hospital wards. Having previously served as a Public Governor for both the North West Ambulance Service and Northern Care Alliance NHS Trust, I bring valuable governance experience. I will prioritize open communication between the Trust and the public and work to ensure patient care remains central to all decisions. I would be honored to represent you and help shape a better, more responsive NHS for everyone in Greater Manchester.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

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## Val Bayliss-Brideaux



I am interested in standing as a Governor for several reasons, these include using my skills and knowledge from working previously in the NHS in Manchester for over 25 years, living in Greater Manchester (Oldham), living with long term health conditions, as a patient accessing services across the trust, and for personal development. I took early retirement from the NHS after 25 years working in patient and public involvement, complaints and feedback, co-production and managing volunteers. I am now working in the voluntary and community sector in Manchester facilitating Manchester Homelessness Partnership. I sit on the board of Healthwatch Oldham. I believe the hospital trust has a lot to offer to tackle the health inequalities in Manchester and as part of Greater Manchester. My skills and experience complement the vision of improving the experience of patients, carers and their families and improving patient safety and outcomes. I am

good communicator and use a range of ways to share information and engage with people. Building relationships and trust is important and I feel I am in a position to engage and represent members from this area.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

# Stephen Caddick



I am standing for election as a public governor because I am passionate about improving healthcare services and ensuring that patients and families, have a strong voice in shaping the future of our hospital.

I have been very fortunate to have received 3 kidney transplants at the MRI and have been an in-patient and out-patient for over 30 years. In that time, I have come to respect the incredibly hard work that each staff member achieves.

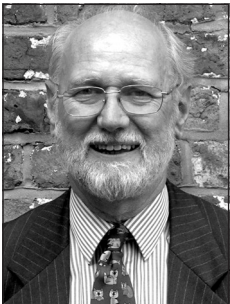
From my previous time in office as an MFT Governor I can bring a deep understanding of the challenges facing both patients and providers. I am committed to representing the views and concerns of our community and working collaboratively with the Board of Governors to ensure that the hospital remains accountable, inclusive, and forward-thinking.

Governors should represent the interests of all concerned and if elected, I will listen, advocate, and act to make sure your voice is heard.

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

# Richard Harvey

*Standing for re-election*



I have been a Governor for 3 years, and valued and enjoyed contributing to the work of MFT. My main areas of interest are the changing world of IT, now involving AI, as well as the risk of data ransoming and cyber attacks. Also the value of publicity in presenting a truthful image of the important work of MFT. In both these areas I have been involved in discussions and offered advice and support.

Now that I have (rather surprisingly) reached the age of 81, I can also comment on issues concerning the elderly as something of an expert!

I have enjoyed making a contribution to what I regard as a well managed Trust, and would like to continue to do so.

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

Richard Harvey: Attendance during current 1<sup>st</sup> Term of Office at MFT (3-year period: September 2022 – current date)

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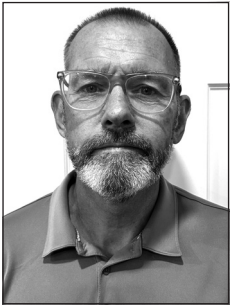


Because I believe it is an amazing opportunity to learn something worthwhile during this eventful year of my life, as I have had the honour of learning a lot about the difficulties of life while battling personal challenges. I imagine this being a great experience and a great way to get out of my comfort zone, being placed in a situation that leads to me having to deal with challenges and problems to solve, while learning a lot of skills along the way. Seems to be incredibly fun. Being a governor seems like a lot of responsibility, something I'm persevering to pursue. I want to challenge myself. Gaining insights into leadership skills and the responsibilities it bears, I believe that I have the resilience and work ethic to learn and do my very best at this position, trying my utmost to fulfil the duties. I have led many successful leadership roles in my past, and I have always looked forward to enhancing that skill and bettering myself. I'm the type of person to jump at opportunities as quickly as they arise, and the type of person to intently analyse and dissect an issue to understand the wholeness of circumstances. I can be very intricate with details. I'm a very hard-working person, and I believe this role is deserving of this mindset and skill. I'm looking forward to being a representative of a community and to using my useful qualities to its best .

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

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# Michael McGhee



**Why am I standing for this role?**  
I am standing for this role because I am deeply committed to public services and heavily invested in our NHS, and the quality of service it provides. My professional career began in NHS (Christie Hospital), before moving to education. I continue to seek ways to serve the public and support the NHS, which has served me and my family very well throughout my life, leaving me with a particular interest in cancer care and orthopaedic care.

**What do I bring to the role?**  
I spent 11 years as a successful headteacher of a large secondary school, serving a diverse community, before five years consultancy, supporting school leaders in improving the quality of education provided. I gained a secure understanding and experience of the skills to effectively engage stakeholders within our communities, evaluate performance and drive improvement in provision. I effectively devised and led strategic improvement through extensive periods of change in education, the likes of which the NHS continues to face.

**Why vote for me?**  
I have gained a wealth of experience and skill suited to the governor's role. I served as a governor in a large successful secondary school for 15 years. I am familiar with the statutory demands of the role. I have the enthusiasm, passion and interpersonal skills to undertake it effectively on behalf of the people the NHS serves, and I relish this opportunity.

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



I have served as a Governor of MFT since 2022, during which time I have attended many more meetings, workshops and other events, in addition to the mandatory Council of Governors meetings.

I have always been a willing volunteer to do PLACE (Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment) assessments at various hospitals in the Trust, and I have attended workshops and external meetings, covering a miscellany of subjects. More recently I was a member of a team which carried out a mock CQC (Quality Care Commission) at the Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital.

I am a retired Chartered Physiotherapist with a great deal of experience in the Public and Private Healthcare sectors. I am passionate about patient care in every aspect, and I feel that I have the experience to be able to put forward ideas to improve at least some of the current practices and at the same time be an attentive listener for patients and family, who might find it difficult to understand the rationale behind their particular healthcare issues. Having said that, I am also aware that we must ensure that our staff are also looked after.

I am very much at home talking to patients, consultants, doctors and administrators and would always present an honest and unbiased opinion.

I feel that I have so much more to give, and I would appreciate being re-elected for another term in order to continue to support the people I have represented and helped since September 2022.

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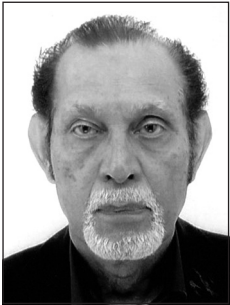
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Pervez Nakvi



I am standing for election as a Foundation Trust Governor to contribute my extensive governance, financial, and community service experience to the Trust.

I am a Commerce graduate and Fellow of the South African Institute of Certified Bookkeepers.

I have served as a Presiding Justice at Manchester Magistrates’ Court for the past 29 years, sitting in both Criminal and Family jurisdictions. I also act as a mentor and appraiser, and have chaired various court committees, gaining valuable leadership and decision-making skills.

My education governance experience includes serving as Governor and Chair of Finance at Altrincham Boys Grammar School, Lostock College, Sale High School, and Sale Grammar School. These roles have developed my expertise in financial oversight, accountability, and working collaboratively with senior leadership teams to improve outcomes.

I was Postmaster of a large post office for 20 years and have been a Post Office Manager for 9 years, overseeing complex operations, managing staff, and serving diverse communities. I continue to serve as Regional President and Branch Secretary of the National Federation of SubPostmasters, representing and supporting colleagues across the region.

I believe passionately in public service and supporting institutions that serve our communities. I bring a strong track record in governance, finance, leadership, and community engagement. I would be honoured to serve as a Foundation Trust Governor and help ensure that the Trust continues to provide high-quality, inclusive, and responsive services for all. Thank you for your support.

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



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## Prof Erhabor Osaro



Erhabor Osaro is a Professor of Haematology and Blood Transfusion Science. He received his Ph.D in Immuno-Haematology from the Rivers State University of Science and Technology in Port Harcourt Nigeria. An Alumni of University of Greenwich as well as University of Sunderland in the UK. Osaro currently works for the Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust as a Specialist Biomedical Scientist. He is on the Science Council of the UK register as a Chartered Scientist and an Examiner for the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), UK. A fellow of several renowned scientific bodies including the British Blood Transfusion Society (BBTS) and the West African Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (WAPCMLS). He is the a Council member and Chairman of the Equality and Diversity Working Group of the BBTS.

I want to be governor to advocate for the provision of a continually improving best possible inclusive care for our highly diverse people of greater Manchester. My belief is that by determining the root causes of problems and objectively implementing corrective actions, problems are solved permanently. I desire to advocate as governor, that the business of healthcare delivery to the people of Manchester be done with a business mindset by creating an enabling environment for healthcare workers to provide a service that meet the changing needs of the customer (patients) and to make savings (profit) by identifying and removing waste from the process thereby improving the service delivered on a continual basis.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Labour

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

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## Kofo Kego Oyeleye



I would like to become a governor because I am passionate about ensuring that Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust delivers inclusive and high-quality care to all communities. Through my work with Black Futures CIC over the past decade, I have seen the challenges many people face when accessing healthcare, especially those from underrepresented or marginalised backgrounds.

I believe in the importance of listening to community voices and ensuring that their experiences shape the services that support them. As a governor, I would work to strengthen trust between the organisation and the people it serves, promoting equity, accountability, and meaningful engagement.

My background in community advocacy, education, and partnership building equips me to represent diverse perspectives with integrity and clarity. I am committed to supporting the Trust in its ambition to improve health outcomes across Greater Manchester and to contribute positively to the lives of patients, families, and staff.

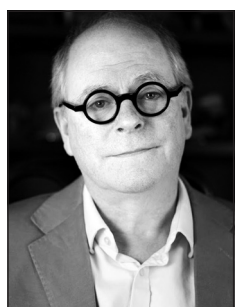
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## Joshua Pendragon



I came to the UK from the US 30 years ago for postgraduate study at Oxford, Glasgow, and Manchester, and have degrees in history, literature, and museology. As a dual UK/US citizen I have experienced both countries' healthcare systems, making me a dedicated and appreciative advocate for the NHS. I have an academic background with published non-fiction books and articles in peer-reviewed journals, though it is my two concurrent posts that provide me with my odd skillset. I am a library researcher for the Oxford English Dictionary, and also a study facilitator helping those with disabilities pursue their university degrees. My dictionary research requires me swiftly to gain expertise in everything, from ancient Greek ships to Quantum Electrodynamics, to ensure the words I find are in the correct context of meaning. This role requires attention to detail, IT skills, but most of all the ability to use wildly disparate resources to research a topic at speed.

My study facilitating role also requires adaptability to the students' chosen subject, but also compassion, patience, and the ability to tactfully motivate and lend my organisational skills and experience to the student who may have any kind of disability or neurodivergence. I am keen to lend these skills to MUNHS Foundation Trust, an organisation

to whom we're all indebted in these perilous times that call out for the public service of helping our community. I've been treated by the NHS for Psoriatic Arthritis for 10 years and am grateful for the service.

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

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## Muhammad Zuhedur Rahman



My name is Muhammad Zuhedur Rahman I'm very hard working and determined person and very deeply engaged with my local community and doing community volunteer works since 2015.

I am an Assistant Secretary of Hyde Bangladesh Welfare Association and giving my sincere service's to my local communities like food bank(Providing food vouchers whose needed) ESOL classes,youth club and helping online applications.

I am worked with the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust as a council of governor(outer region 2021-2024),working with the Answer Cancer Campaign in North West and received appreciation as an Answer Cancer Champion.I was a proud Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts.I am a network member of Community Action Suffolk,where I am getting great ideas and applying these ideas how to improve our local community.I have received "Certificate of Recognition" from British Citizen Award for my excellent community service.I am a fundraiser of the MacMillan Cancer Support and raising fund for the MacMillan Cancer Support, I have received honour pin badge from honourable mayor of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council for my excellent community work, I am a proud member of Hyde Together CIC charity organisation which is working for our local community and I am putting opinions how to improve our local town.I always do "Litter Picking" volunteer jobs all year round.

Russia and Ukraine conflict I have sent foods to Ukraine from my own funds.I am so proud to working for my community.

So,Please vote for me.

Regards  
M Z Rahman

**Declaration of Interests:**  
**Political Party:** I am a member of The Labour & Co-operative Party.  
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Lesmond Taylor



Working across the Northwest as Regeneration Practitioner for over 30 years with a focus on community development and health and wellbeing, I've had the privilege of engaging with the NHS on national, regional and local projects to improve NHS services. Living in Manchester has afforded me the opportunity to further engage with the health system by creating service improvement and lasting change for the improved health and wellbeing of Manchester global communities.

My experience also includes working on cancer programmes, specialist community health services for men, women and children, the development of health hubs which integrate nature and clinical health solutions, heart health, exercise classes alongside allotments, gardens and community spaces.

My working experience has enabled me to acquire a good range of interpersonal skills, knowledge and understanding of people, communities and their interrelationship with the trust. Additionally, I have a good insight into our health ecosystems governance and the change taking place through the governments new 10-year plan.

Given the opportunity to serve, I will work in collaboration with other Governors to champion patient concerns and needs, improve service delivery while managing and deploying the trusts resources effectively.

I'm passionate about preventative health measures and health improvement and will work with the trust board of Governors to ensure equity for all.

**Declaration of Interests:**  
**Political Party:** None  
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** Im a member of two Charities who receive funding from time to time from Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

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## James Tristram



As a older person who has seen a lot of changes How hospitals are run as well as being treated as a patient at being treated at different hospitals I feel I would like to give my time to help to improve the way they are run especially with the older generation in mind .

I had have a lot of practical experiences in life doing different jobs before starting up and running my own business that was very successful until having health problems that meant I couldn't carry on doing what I enjoyed especially with a large customers base that has turned into long lasting friends.

I feel that I would like to help in making hospitals move and keep up-to-date both in efficiently and the way patients are looked after especially the older generation which includes modern scanning and diagnose units situated across greater Manchester which give patients easy access to test and would unblock the long waiting list a hospital appointments to do the basic checks before seeing the doctors who then have the information at hand to sort out the proper treatment.

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

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## Adrian Turton



I am seeking election because I believe leadership should reflect the full spectrum of lived experience, especially voices that are too often overlooked. As someone with autism and dyslexia, I've navigated systems that weren't built with neurodivergent people in mind. These experiences have shaped my deep commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and meaningful representation in governance. I've spent years supporting community wellbeing through roles in health and social care, youth development, fundraising, and public service. From working in mental health settings to supporting disaster relief through ShelterBox, I've consistently put people first. My voluntary service—as a school governor, lay chaplain, and trainer—has taught me how to listen deeply, make fair decisions, and lead with integrity. I believe governance isn't just about policies or meetings—it's about people. It's about hearing those whose perspectives are rarely considered, and ensuring every decision reflects their realities. I lead with empathy, encourage transparent dialogue, and challenge assumptions that limit progress. I offer a collaborative, rights-based approach where trust, dignity, and inclusion are non-negotiable. I know what it means to be underestimated—and I know how to turn lived experience into positive action. If elected, I will be a committed voice for fairness, respect, and systemic change. Not just to represent, but to empower.

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

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## Stuart Winward



With over 30 years of experience in health and social care, I am proud to bring a unique combination of operational, training, and lived experience to my role as Governor. Throughout my career, I have worked across a range of settings, including managing, inspecting, and training within health and social care services.

For the past 23 years, I've specialised as a Health and Social Care Training Consultant, with a particular focus on empowering patients, supporting staff, and promoting safe, person-centred care. My work is rooted in evidence-based practice and guided by the belief that patients and professionals alike thrive when they are enabled — not restricted.

As someone who has also experienced the NHS from the perspective of a patient, I understand the importance of compassion, consistency, and dignity at every stage of care.

My priorities as Governor include reducing deconditioning during hospital stays to ease pressure on social care services after discharge, improving discharge processes to free up hospital beds, and ensuring that frontline staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to provide high-quality care safely.

I am committed to championing the voices of both patients and staff, and to supporting the Northern Care Alliance in its mission to deliver exceptional care and continuous improvement across its services.

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