

# GOVERNOR ELECTION SPECIAL

January 2018

## GOVERNOR ELECTIONS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Updates for members of NHFT



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DIFFERENCE  
FOR YOU,  
WITH YOU**

# WELCOME TO OUR ELECTION SPECIAL

We wanted to share with you some information about our governor elections which will be taking place shortly.

The majority of the Council of Governor seats are due for election soon and this special bulletin will provide you with details of what you will need during this period.

**You signed up as a member of our Trust but did you know you are eligible to stand for governor too?**

Governors play a vital role in the work of the Trust and make a real difference by:

- Helping to shape our future strategy and the services we provide
- Providing feedback on the quality of our services so they can be continuously improved
- Undertake a number of statutory responsibilities including the appointment of our Chair and Non-Executive Directors
- Holding our Non-Executive Directors to account for their performance
- Representing the views of Foundation Trust members on key issues, and consulting them on important matters such as proposed service developments and changes

**Not sure?** Pop along to one of our **Becoming a governor** events. You will have the opportunity to meet our Chair, Crisni Waring together with other Trust colleagues to ask any questions you may have.

## Becoming a governor

Tuesday 13 February at 5:30pm  
Oak Room, Berrywood Hospital,  
Berrywood Drive,  
Duston, Northampton, NN5 6UD

Thursday 22 February at 5:30pm  
Board Room 1, Sudborough House, St. Mary's  
Hospital, London Road, Kettering, NN15 7PW

## ELECTION TIMETABLE 2018

Notice of election, nominations open - letter/postcard from ERS	2 February
Nominations for governor deadline	2 March
Deadline for candidates to withdraw their statement	7 March
Voting packs distributed	26 March
Close of election	20 April
Declaration of election results	23 April

## GOVERNOR SEATS UP FOR ELECTION

Public	Kettering & Corby	1 seat	Staff	Doctors & Dentists
Public	Daventry & South Northants	2 seats	Staff	Registered Nurses
Public	Northampton	2 seats	Staff	Other Clinical
Public	Wellingborough & East Northants	1 seat	Staff	Non Clinical
Public	Rest of England	1 seat		
Patient	Adult Service Users	6 seats		
Patient	Carers	2 seats		
Patient	Older Service Users	1 seat		

### Any questions?

If you are not sure about anything in this election special or the letter from ERS (once it arrives) please don't hesitate to call us or send us an email and we will help you as much as we can.

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# SO, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In this section, we have explained the next steps of the election process...

## Step 1

You will receive a letter/postcard from an organisation called ERS (Electoral Reform Service) providing notice of the elections. This letter will explain how you will be invited to vote in the elections and explain how you can consider putting yourself forward as a Governor.

## Step 2

If you are interested in putting yourself forward as a Governor, you can find out more by attending a "Becoming a Governor" event if you want to.

Dates of these events are shown on page 2.

## Step 3

If you are interested in putting your name forward as a Governor for the 2018 elections, you will need to complete and return a nomination form including a statement as to why you think you are right for the job.

Details of how to do this will be included in the letter which will arrive from ERS soon.

## Step 4

ERS will check the electoral data before the distribution of the voting packs.

At this time, there is an opportunity for you to withdraw your nomination if you have changed your mind.

## Step 5

Voting starts! You will be asked to vote if an election is contested. This means if there are more nominations received than seats per constituency; you will then be asked to vote for your Governor.

Voting packs will be distributed on Monday 26 March 2018 by post and email (if you have given your email address).

You will have until Friday 20 April 2018 to vote for your preferred Governor.

## Step 6

Election results will be available from Monday 23 April 2018. These will be shared on the Trust's public website:

[www.nhft.nhs.uk](http://www.nhft.nhs.uk)

If you do not wish to stand as a governor - you will still be involved in the election and voting process. Please follow steps 1, 5 and 6.