

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors Staff: Older Peoples' Services

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Beatrix Ruckli

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My experience of working in the Trust over twenty years has encouraged me to put my name forward for the role of a Staff Governor in the Older People's Services.

I am motivated to attend meetings to represent the views of colleagues from the Older People's Services, contribute to the ongoing development of the Trust and demonstrate the Trust's values to the public.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Ellie Simcox

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As Administration and Performance Manager in the Older Adult Community Mental Health Team in Abingdon, I am standing as a governor as I feel that I can offer input and a perspective from significant experience of working in the public sector. I already have a knowledge and awareness of the operational performance of the Trust and wish to further my understanding of the Board of Directors' plans for the future of the Trust. As a team leader in the Civil Service I managed budgets and large Government programmes for many years, working with local authorities and members of the public to improve public services. I also have experience of managing change and see many parallels in my working history with the environment the Trust is currently operating in. My own experiences have helped me understand and appreciate the challenges of operating in a tight financial framework and I would like to use my knowledge and experience to represent the staff of Older People Services.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None - Apart from the fact that I work for the Trust.

Louise Elizabeth Willden

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I have been employed by Oxford Health NHSFT since Jan 2013 and have been working in the NHS since I graduated in 1998 and in MSK physiotherapy since 2000. I am a clinical lead for MSK physiotherapy based at Didcot Community Hospital. I have previously been a CSP steward and have a keen interest in development of the NHS both locally and nationally for the benefit of both patients and staff.

Looking at developing services is a key part of my clinical role and this knowledge, skill and understanding of local services is something I would be able to bring to the Council of Governors. My clinical role involves formulating a diagnosis and using shared decision making to make a plan for rehabilitation. I believe these skills in analysis, understanding and negotiation will be very helpful in this role.

My aim as a member of the Council of Governors is to speak for staff, both in what we have achieved and what we need to achieve more. I will also bring my skills and knowledge as a front line NHS staff member to help inform the Trusts decision making.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Soo Yeo



My seventeen years of physiotherapy experience across many specialities (including: older adults and community hospital rehabilitation, musculoskeletal, neuro-rehabilitation, etc.) gives me a strong clinical background to be effective on the Members' Council. I am passionate, committed and driven to deliver quality and safety for patients. We have to ensure that finite NHS resources are used effectively to create the best quality services possible that are also most closely aligned to patients' needs.

My vision is to develop and sustain a proactive and can-do culture within the workforce to pursue clinical excellence, quality and value-for-money care delivery that is also economically viable. I have established successful rehabilitation leadership that supports strategic development around workforce planning, evidence-based intervention and cross-organisational working. This ultimately improves patient safety, care quality, staff well-being, motivation and engagement.

My core leadership qualities are rooted in honesty, integrity, professionalism, self-motivation, self-awareness, realistic optimism and an enquiring mind. These fundamental qualities are essential in creating the capacity for dialogue, engagement and a learning culture. I employ a coaching style to develop an inquiring and reflective approach to learning at work.

I believe my leadership ability and qualities will create value for the organisation and the patients. I care about the patients, the service and its future and want to be more involved in decision-making that impacts on grassroots care. The better people's needs are met, the better they feel and the better the organisation functions as a whole.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Judy Young



I have worked in the NHS for 22 years, in a variety of departments including laboratory, clinical coding, ward and outpatient reception. Currently I manage the everyday administration for both patients and staff in Physiotherapy. I feel I bring a breadth of experience of acute, specialist and community hospital working environments.

I am passionate about the NHS and one of my interests has been ensuring equality of access to care. I have chosen whenever possible to be involved in service improvement and development such as the recent hospital wide team building event which was a great success.

I became a member of OHFT fairly recently and earlier this year attended a meeting, to discuss proposed care for those with learning disabilities. It was attending this meeting which made me realise the depth of experience I have to offer.

I feel the governors' role is a checkpoint to bring a fresh set of eyes to any proposals and to voice concerns of any gaps seen within those proposals. A staff governor has the added benefit of seeing situations from both staff and patient perspective.

It is incredibly important that we remember 'people and their care' are at the centre of all we do and that we never treat our patients as statistics on a chart or budget sheet.

Every individual brings a unique perspective and way of communicating: I offer enthusiasm, integrity and absolute commitment as a staff governor in support of all the service users and staff members.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None