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## Media Release

### Still time to get your votes in!

The deadline for casting your vote in our first ever NHS Foundation Trust Governor elections is looming.

But there is still time for you to have your say on which of the 34 members of the public you want to represent your views on the Council of Governors.

The candidates are contesting 11 seats on the Council across the RUH's six public constituencies – City of Bath, North East Somerset, Mendip, North Wiltshire, South Wiltshire, and the Rest of England and Wales. Fourteen nominations have been received from our Staff members, who are also holding elections and they will also contest five staff seats.

Each of the constituencies will elect two Governors, apart from the Rest of England and Wales, which will elect one.

Membership & Governance Manager Roxy Poultney says: "We are pleased that we have had so many votes cast already but we want as many of our members as possible to have their say.

"This is your opportunity to vote for the candidate who you think will best represent your views. Please cast your vote ahead of the deadline and make it count."

Governors act as representatives for their respective areas and provide a link with the wider community. Their role includes holding the Trust's Board of Directors to account for our performance, delivering strategic plans, and meeting our core purpose and values.

To find out more about the candidates standing in the elections go to our website, [www.ruh.nhs.uk](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk)

Voting is exclusively for members of the NHS Foundation Trust, who have been sent ballot papers.

Completed ballot papers must be received by our returning officer, the Electoral Reform Services, before 5pm on Friday 2 November 2012. Election results will be published on our website on Monday 5 November 2012.

The rest of the 21-seat Council will be made up of five Stakeholder Governors, with one governor from each of: NHS Bath and North East Somerset, NHS Wiltshire, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Wiltshire Council, and a representative from the University of Bath.

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