

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Council of Governors</b>	<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12 December 2022</b>		

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>2022 Governor Election Results</b>
<b>Status:</b>	<b>For noting</b>
<b>Board Sponsor:</b>	<b>Alison Ryan, Chair</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Roxy Milbourne, Deputy Head of Corporate Governance</b>
<b>Appendices</b>	<b>Appendix 1 – Report on voting and uncontested report</b>

<b>1. Executive Summary of the Report</b>																		
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<b>2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss etc)</b>
The Council of Governors is asked to note the report

<b>3. Legal / Regulatory Implications</b>
NHS England's Code of Governance requires each NHS Foundation Trust to appoint or elect Governors.

<b>4. Risk (Threats or opportunities link to risk on register etc.)</b>
N/A

<b>5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)</b>
None

<b>6. Equality and Diversity</b>
Any member of the Trust can put themselves forward to become a Governor.

<b>7. References to previous reports</b>
This report is presented after each Governor election.

<b>8. Freedom of Information</b>
Public.

## 2022 RUH Governor Elections

The process to elect new Governors began on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.

Civica Engagement Services acted as the Trust's Returning Officer, and all election material was distributed and received by them. All eligible members within the following constituencies were able to put themselves forward to become a Governor:

- City of Bath (two vacancies)
- North East Somerset
- Mendip
- North Wiltshire
- South Wiltshire
- Rest of England and Wales
- Staff (two vacancies)

The following successful candidates were elected to the RUH's Council of Governors and began their term on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022:

Name	Constituency
Nicola James	City of Bath
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Unfortunately the person who was to be elected unopposed for the North Wiltshire constituency had a change in circumstances and was no longer able to take on the role of Governor. As a result, a by-election will begin in the New Year.

A copy of the election results is attached at appendix 1 and 2 for your information

### Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to note the election results.

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

CLOSE OF VOTING: 5PM ON 17 OCTOBER 2022

### CONTEST: Public: City of Bath

RESULT		2 to elect
JAMES, Nicola	207	<b>ELECTED</b>
HARPWOOD, Vivienne	202	<b>ELECTED</b>
TOLAND, Sue	109	
NEWMAN KNELLER, Keith	13	

Number of eligible voters		2,361
Votes cast by post:	125	
Votes cast online:	193	
Total number of votes cast:		318
Turnout:		13.5%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		0
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		318

### CONTEST: Public: North East Somerset

RESULT		1 to elect
BERIA, Anna	84	<b>ELECTED</b>
DAVIES, Michael (mike)	67	
BATES, Dan John	25	
LAW, Robert	14	

Number of eligible voters		1,838
Votes cast by post:	105	
Votes cast online:	89	
Total number of votes cast:		194
Turnout:		10.6%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		4
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		190



**CONTEST: Public: Somerset (Mendip)**

<b>RESULT</b>		<b>1 to elect</b>
MARTIN, Anne	73	<b>ELECTED</b>
DEARDEN, Lynda	52	
JORDAIN, Paul	9	

Number of eligible voters		1,195
Votes cast by post:	68	
Votes cast online:	66	
Total number of votes cast:		134
Turnout:		11.2%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		0
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		134

**CONTEST: Public: Wiltshire South**

<b>RESULT</b>		<b>1 to elect</b>
BENHAM, Diana	180	<b>ELECTED</b>
CAVILL, David	68	

Number of eligible voters		2,187
Votes cast by post:	157	
Votes cast online:	93	
Total number of votes cast:		250
Turnout:		11.4%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		2
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		248

**CONTEST: Staff**

<b>RESULT</b>		<b>2 to elect</b>
TEGALLY, Narinder	420	<b>ELECTED</b>
BHATTACHARYA, Beas	280	<b>ELECTED</b>
BRISTOW, Michelle	208	

Number of eligible voters		5,507
Votes cast online:	641	
Total number of votes cast:		641
Turnout:		11.6%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		0
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		641



Civica Election Services can confirm that, as far as reasonably practicable, every person whose name appeared on the electoral roll supplied to us for the purpose of the election:-

- a) was sent the details of the election and
- b) if they chose to participate in the election, had their vote fairly and accurately recorded

The elections were conducted in accordance with the rules and constitutional arrangements as set out previously by the Trust, and CES is satisfied that these were in accordance with accepted good electoral practice.

All voting material will be stored for 12 months.

**Ciara Hutchinson**  
**Returning Officer**  
**On behalf of Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust**

## ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

**CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS: 5PM ON 31 AUGUST 2022**

Further to the deadline for nominations for the above election, the following constituencies are uncontested:

**PUBLIC: REST OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
1 TO ELECT**

The following candidate is elected unopposed:

Ramal Royal

**PUBLIC: WILTSHIRE NORTH  
1 TO ELECT**

The following candidate is elected unopposed:

David Dewar

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