

Report from Governor Elections 2019

NHS foundation trust governors are the individuals that bind a trust to its patients, staff, and local stakeholders. They are direct representatives of local interests within the governance structure of the Trust.

Governors have a significant role to play in the Trust. The Term of Office will normally be three years and a maximum of nine years. The governing body is not responsible for the day-to-day running of the trust but works with the Board of Directors to produce the Trust's future plans; it ensures that the voice of members and partners are used to inform the Trust's decisions.

In February the Trust invited people across Somerset to nominate themselves as public governors.

Nominations opened for the following governor constituencies:

- Greater Yeovil (One Vacancy)
- South Somerset (South & West) (Two Vacancies)
- Dorset (One Vacancy)
- Staff (Two Vacancies)

Nominations closed on Friday 15 March 2019 and further to the deadline for nominations the following constituencies were uncontested and the following candidates were elected unopposed:

- South Somerset (South and West) – Tony Robinson and Jennie Flory
- Staff – Paul Porter and Fiona Rooke

No valid nominations were received for Dorset so therefore one vacancy still remains.

Two nominations were received for Greater Yeovil however with just one seat available this went out for election. The governor elections for Greater Yeovil closed on Friday 26 April 2019.

281 postal votes and 76 online votes were received and 9 votes were found to be invalid. A total of 357 votes were received however 348 valid votes were recorded out of 2,340 eligible voters.

The election results for Greater Yeovil constituency were as follows:

Elected

Roger Wharton, 257 votes

Unsuccessful

Joe Maynard Draper, 91 Votes

15.3 percent of the electorate in this constituency voted.

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