The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

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| **Meeting:** | Governors' Council (in Public) | | |
| **Meeting Date:** | 21 February 2023 | **Agenda item:** | 5 |
| **Report Title:** | Outcome of Governor Elections 1 February 2023 | | |
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| **Sponsor:** | Chris Lawrence, Trust Chair | | |

**Implications**

**Link to key strategic objectives**
*[highlight which KSO(s) this recommendation aims to support]*

| KSO1 | KSO2 | KSO3 | KSO4 | KSO5 | KSO6 |
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| *Safe and compassionate care* | *Modernise hospital and estate* | ***Staff engagement*** | *Partnership working, clinical and financial sustainability* | *Healthy lives staff and patients* | *Investing in our staff* |

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| **Board assurance framework** | KS03<br>To strengthen staff engagement to create an open culture with trust at its centre | |
| **Significant risk register** | | |
| | Y/N | If Yes state impact/ implications and mitigation |
| **Quality** | | |
| **Legal and regulatory** | | |
| **Financial** | | |

**Assurance route**

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| **Previously considered by:** | |

**Executive summary**

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| **Action required:** *[highlight **one** only]* | **Approval** | Information | Discussion | Assurance | Review |

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| **Purpose of the report:** | • To report the results of the 2023 cycle of Governor elections.<br>• To note and welcome the new Staff Non-Clinical Governor and Public Elected Governors for the West Norfolk, Cambridgeshire/Fenland, South East Lincolnshire and Breckland, North Norfolk and the Rest of England constituencies<br>• To consider the recommendation that a by-election is held as soon as possible, via email, for clinical staff to recruit up to three Staff Clinical Governors. |
| **Summary of Key issues:** | The Trust held Governor Elections in January 2023 as part of the normal election cycle and eleven new Governors were elected (see Table 1).<br>Subsequently the Staff Clinical Governor changed employment and, no longer meeting the criteria for a Staff Clinical Governor, the individual resigned from the role. As only one Staff Clinical Governor was elected, the Trust now has no Staff Clinical Governors. |
| **Recommendation:** | The Governors' Council is requested to:<br>• Note the outcomes of the January 2023 Governor Elections<br>• Agree a by-election is held as soon as possible, via email, for clinical staff to recruit up to three Staff Clinical Governors. |

| Acronyms | None |
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## 1. Introduction

There were 13 Governor roles up for election in December 2022; 12 Governor 3-year terms were up for renewal and one 2-year remainder of a 3-year term. The new Governors started in the role on 1 February 2023.

The Trust would like to thank all the applicants, Members and QEH staff for their interest in and support for the Governor elections. Many congratulations to the successful candidates and many thanks to those who were unsuccessful on this occasion, for their interest in becoming a Governor for the hospital.

## 2. Election results

The outcomes of the 2023 Governor election:

| Constituency | Governor | Turnout | Number of Votes | Term of Office |
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| West Norfolk | Esmé Corner<br>Mike Press<br>Barbara Turner<br>Prudence Fox<br>John Greyson | 10.32% | 196<br>73<br>73<br>48<br>32 | 2026 |
| Breckland, North Norfolk & The Rest of England | David Chittenden | 10.02% | 35 | 2026 |
| Cambridgeshire/Fenland | Barry Hunt<br>Betty Lewis | Elected unopposed | | 2026 |
| Southeast Lincolnshire | Alan Maltby | Elected unopposed | | 2026 |
| Staff Clinical | Kelly Pressley (subsequently resigned) | Elected unopposed | | |
| Staff Non-Clinical | Sheena Johnson-Banks | Elected unopposed | | 2026 |

**Table 1**

As the Staff Clinical Governor has subsequently resigned from the Governor role, all three Staff Clinical Governor seats are currently vacant. A bi-election is recommended for clinical staff to recruit up to three Staff Clinical Governors.

An induction for new Governors is being arranged at the QEH on 2 March 2023.

## 5. Recommendations

The Governors' Council is asked to:

- Note the outcomes of the January 2023 Governor Elections.
- Agree a by-election is held as soon as possible, via email, for clinical staff to recruit up to three Staff Clinical Governors.