

# candidates' election statements

## **Election to the Council of Governors**

Public: Bristol

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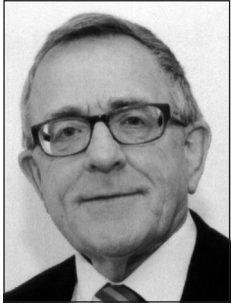
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## Bob Bennett



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

The NHS is an integral part of the British way of life and the envy of the world, and I firmly believe that it is imperative that the Service is protected for all, in the present and the future.

As a father, grandfather, carer and former patient I feel I have the knowledge and understanding to contribute to the wellbeing of our hospitals. Financial restrictions being placed on the NHS are widely known but we must not let finance be the sole motivation of the service and having worked all my working life as an accountant and been responsible for running a department of a large national company, I know from experience that the most important part of any organisation is its staff.

I realise the NHS has to go through change if it is to serve the public in the years to come and to be free at the point of use but it is important that any changes must be introduced in a careful, responsible and sensitive way, in order to benefit patients and staff.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

Having been responsible for over fifty members of staff I appreciate the complexities of people's requirements.

I am an Independent Hospital Manager for a Mental Health Hospital and also have experience in dementia as a Carer.

I am a member of the UBH 15 Steps Challenge.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I am a recently retired Magistrate.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Rae Care



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I have been involved hospitals for many years of my life both as patient and being involved with several charities both in patient support as well as donating funds for the benefit of Cardiac patients throughout the Bristol area which includes Frenchay, Southmead and the BRI hospitals.

I feel that I am in a very good position to put my experience with charities to good use within the hospital trust adding an extra voice to the board.

As well as the Charity side I am also Public Governor for Bristol and North Somerset for South West Ambulance Service Foundation Trust

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

With my knowledge of the charity side of the business I am a member of 3 charities and being Chairman of one I have huge experience to bring to the board, as a governor of SWASFT there are areas which would have great benefits to the board

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I have the time and the skill base to become involved with the board

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Mo Schiller



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

Retired registered nurse, employed 78 – 06 UBHT, Lead practitioner theatres. Experience from staff and patient perspective.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

Public governor since 2008, committed to role. Participate in various groups; Quality, Strategy & Constitution, Nomination and Appointments. Regularly attend Council, Chairman's Counsel, Board meetings, Executive walks and surveys.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

Priorities for final term; High standards of safe care with compassion Adherence to trust values. 24/7 diagnostic and therapeutic service. Financial stability. Integration of Health with Social care. I have the energy and enthusiasm to continue.

Experienced facilitator, chair of groups and believe in Health education

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Sue Silvey



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I have been a governor for almost 3 years and Lead Governor for the last year and have always had a passionate interest in the NHS. I trained as a nurse at the BRI and became a ward sister. This gave me experience of working in the NHS which has been very helpful in my present role.

I feel strongly that patients must be treated with respect and as human beings in what is often a frightening and bewildering situation.

At this time the challenges of delivering safe, high quality health care to the local community in a difficult health economic environment are enormous. The Board of UHB needs support in this endeavour and I would very much like to continue to make a contribution.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

Throughout my working life I have successfully managed and enjoyed working with people. I am an exceptionally good project manager who thinks strategically.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

- A magistrate for 13 years
- I managed the marketing department of Bristol's largest law firm for almost 10 years
- I was a trustee of the Jessie May Trust for some years
- I now volunteer for Linkage – which works locally to prevent social isolation in older people – and for RSVP West which provides volunteering opportunities for the over 50s.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Sylvia Townsend



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I have been an appointed governor at UHBT Foundation Trust as the representative from Bristol City Council since June 2009 and was reappointed in May 2012. I shall soon be standing down as a councillor for Bristol City Council and will have more time for the work of a Governor. I want to continue to help the Trust to strive for excellence in all that it does. Everyone needs the NHS and we want it to be there when we need it.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

As a member of Bristol City Council's Health Scrutiny Commission for 12 years and Chair for 4 years I have learnt how to be a critical friend. As a retired teacher I am accustomed to being a team member and a good listener who is prepared to challenge. I know that time and dedication is needed for preparation before meetings including reading paperwork thoroughly. These skills will help the Trust to achieve its aims across the 8 hospitals for which it is responsible.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

The Trust works extremely hard to provide the excellent service which we all want for patients. The reality is that it faces continuing cuts in Government funding year on year. Constant vigilance is needed across the Trust to maintain the highest medical standards and excellent patient care. The record of research that the University funds is an extremely important part of how it works. I've lived in Bristol for 45 years and am passionate about my adopted city.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Liberal Democrat

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Dr. B.P. Upadhaya



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

My First Priority will be to improve access the quality NHS services for the people of Bristol. I have energy, time and enthusiasm to represent the views of people's healthcare needs. I will advocate for dignity, privacy, confidentiality, inclusion, respect and individually and challenge discrimination.

As a healthcare consultant I would welcome the opportunity to influence future healthcare in Bristol, hold the Trust to account and ensure transparency. My aim would be to represent people's opinions about the NHS, Identify their needs and ensure quality care; how they want their needs to be fulfilled. I desire to represent people's feeling, thoughts, ideas, and will advocate for dignity, privacy, confidentiality, inclusion, respect and individuality.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I have experience in the corporate sector, clinical governance, social services, business sectors and charity. These experiences have given me a great understanding of diversity.

I have worked in Asia, America and Europe, have a PhD in Clinical Psychology, Doctoral Degree in Health Sciences, completed various projects Locally, Nationally and Internationally.

Beside qualifications and experiences in various sectors, I Have the will power to fulfil the duty and responsibility requires for the governor of UHB.

I have worked in strategic and operational areas in different organisations. Given the opportunity, I will effetely represent my constituency. I have a strong communication, team working and analytical skills, good understanding about medical needs of people.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I have **theoretical and practical** knowledge with optimism to help make our Trust efficient. I would put my knowledge and experience into improve UHB.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Suaad Walker



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I have been a Bristol resident since 1998 and am offering myself as a potential hospital governor as I feel I can contribute to the Governors' understanding of what is experienced by Bristolians who have any form of disability or are part of a minority ethnic or faith group.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I was a sociology graduate with an interest in criminology and comparative faith before working as a hospital social worker, a role I left when I became a full-time mother. When my children started school I retrained to work as a primary special needs teacher. Divorce forced a further change of career, retraining to work as a senior PA/administrator initially in industry, then education, and finally the NHS in a Primary Care Trust. I chose to embrace Islam more than 30 years ago and have been actively engaged in interfaith dialogue for more than 20 years, both in Cheshire and here in Bristol. I have been a rock climber, a rambler and a conservation volunteer before unexpected ill-health led to early retirement and a realignment of life. My varied working experiences combined with active membership of both Bristol's Disability Equality and MultiFaith Forums have led me to feel that I can continue to contribute to both communities and the wider society of Bristol by becoming a member of UHB's Governing body.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I have participated in both a 15 step Challenge ward visit and pre-opening appraisal of BRI's new Welcome centre.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Graham Briscoe



I have resided in North Somerset for forty years and have experienced a full range of personal and family medical issues, ranging from hospital operations to emergency treatment. This has covered treatments at the BRI, Children's Hospital, Eye Hospital, St Michaels and the Heart Institute.

During this period I was employed with a major corporate in Bristol. Besides my day job I was also "Community Investment Manager" for Bristol and the south west, and successfully raised the profile amongst employees for voluntary giving. My own contribution led me into Further Education College Corporation and Housing Association Board governance. This experience gave me the skills to recognise and understand this Governor role as one of a "critical friend", scrutinising, operating checks and balances and holding the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Hospitals' Board of Directors.

I am a professionally qualified senior executive with over twenty years extensive experience operating at Board level, supported with a range of non-executive roles across a number of sectors. A skilled change leader with a broad track record of Business Process Re-engineering, Customer Service, Talent Management, Programme Management and the delivery of transformational change programmes.

Over the past decade the links between Social Housing and Health with regard to well - being are being extensively promoted. I believe my enthusiastic, committed and motivational approach will enable me to inspire and deliver excellent and robust challenge as a Governor of University Hospitals Bristol. Thank you for your support.

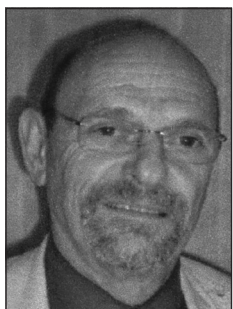
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**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Dr Ian Stanley Burgess



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I worked in the NHS for over 25 years and believe that I have both the experience and expertise to carry out the duties of a governor. I would like to contribute to present practices for the benefit of patients in my constituency.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I qualified as a clinical psychologist in 1986 after a career in academic psychology (senior lecturer prior to retraining). I specialised in the area of clinical neuropsychology. I have led psychology services for older adults (Salford) as well as being the District Psychologist in East Wiltshire where I pioneered new services. That trust was merged with others into Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust. I have been head

of neuropsychology services in mental health and stroke in Bristol where part of my post was at the United Bristol Healthcare Trust (1999-2008). Prior to retirement (2011) I was Head of the Department of Clinical Neuropsychology in Cardiff. I have experience of designing services, evaluating them and bringing them in on budget. I know how the NHS works. I know how important it is to ensure the trust of patients when they enter hospital services. I have knowledge of running services which are sensitive to the needs of the patients and their families. I feel that the skills and knowledge that I have can be used in the role of governor.

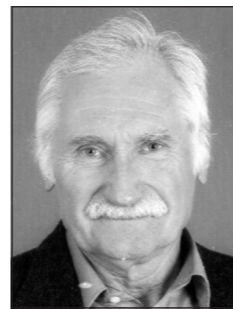
### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** The Conservative Party

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Clive Hamilton



I have had a life-long commitment to and interest in the prevention of ill-health, disease control and improving quality of life. Now retired and, having benefited from life-saving treatment through the N.H.S., I would like to make a continuing positive contribution to its future.

I would welcome a mandate to represent your interests through this period of major change and increasing pressures on N.H.S. service delivery.

I am a qualified environmental health practitioner with 44 years experience of fieldwork and management of health associated risks. I have specialised in food safety, occupational health, disease investigation and control and risk assessment. I have also enforced health and food law, carried out accredited training and advised a large national retailer in safety and health risk management.

If elected, I would draw on my previous experience as a Governor since the Trust received Foundation Trust status in 2008. During this time I have led the governor's quality project focus group and supported our Trust performance by many representations to promote high quality care and freedom from harm 24/7.

The Trust achieves good national ratings for its quality of care and I am keen to be a part of helping them to further improve standards for the forthcoming 3 years. If elected, I will again work tirelessly and enthusiastically to that end.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** Existing Governor



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Patient: Local Patients

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## Bernard Edwin Beachgood

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### Why do you wish to carry out this role?

Having recently benefitted from two periods of treatment in Hospital, I wish to give something back to the NHS. As a patient governor I could use the experienced gained from those two periods to benefit other patients.

### What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

A passion for the NHS and its provision for all. As a retired firefighter, and can draw on the experience gained as a public servant to serve in this role.

### Any other information that you feel is relevant?

As an active Trade Unionist, whilst serving in the Fire Service, I have learnt to listen to all allowing an informed opinion to be formed.

### Declaration of Interests:

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Alexander Bergmann

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### Why do you wish to carry out this role?

NHS stands for democracy, equality, transparency and the freedom to innovate and develop services for the people of our community and their individual needs.

In case of my election I promise to protect these principles for our patients and the people in our community.

There is one group of people in our community who needs urgent changes in their care and aftercare at home. Our elderly patients deserve a better healthy and safe basiccare on our hospitals wards.

Less bureaucracy instead better communication and cooperation between hospital and social services is imperative and the safety net, that the elderly patients will be discharged into a caring and safe

rehabilitation or aftercare at home.

Should I be elected I make sure that the voice of our elderly patients and their relatives will be respected and taken serious in our hospital environment.

### What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

As a former Director of Nursing and Educational Development, I do understand the heartbeat of a hospital and his frontline staff. Im not only a strong communicator between management, hospital staff patients and relatives I will look for solutions when necessary to help and create a successful cooperation between all parties. The Council of Governors is the face of the Trust and must invest into the future in this case into our young people

### Any other information that you feel is relevant?

With me as a new Patients Governor there will be a Patients Telephone line and a monthly face to face surgery held in the Central Library Bristol.

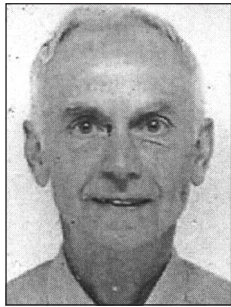
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## Edmund Brooks



As a long term patient with Ankylosing Spondilitis I understand what it is to be an inpatient and to regularly attend outpatient appointments at the Eye hospital, Rheumatology and Physiotherapy departments. I am a member of UBHT Patient Experience Panel.

I want to be an advocate for all patients, especially the vulnerable, the sick, elderly and frail. Hospital patients often feel vulnerable and it is vital their needs are heard. As a trained dementia counsellor I listen attentively to people's needs. I can understand patient fears about their health and safety in hospital. As a patient representative on Safer Care, NHS South West, Quality of Care and Patient Safety, I often voice patient fears about MRSA and such like infections knowing their concerns are taken seriously.

For 14 years I have been a patient advocate within the NHS so I know how hard it is for the vulnerable to be heard when hospital managers are reorganising services that directly affect patient's lives. For 10 years I was a Lay member of Bristol Primary Care Trust putting the needs of patients first when hospital service contracts were changed. As a trained Community Mediator my skills in communications, mediation and negotiation are valuable in encouraging doctors and nurses to improve standards of healthcare.

I bring knowledge and experience of hospital management and financial audits and an energy and enthusiasm to make hospital managers share my passion and commitment to patient recovery and rehabilitation through good medical care.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Christine Melendez



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I am and have been a patient of UHBT practically all my life. As a patient governor I will bring my sense of equality as well as understanding peoples ie patients greivances. I have an admiration for all Doctors and staff in UHBT.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

As formerly working with people with learning disabilities my communication skills are second to none; impeccable, as well as helping people help themselves are essential Including interpersonal skills along with comradery.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

As an ongoing patient I feel a strong sense of community with my non-judgemental and non-discriminating views are related to the role of Patient governor.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Angelo Micciche



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I became a proactive governor in October 2013 and after only 6 months it has made me even more committed to contributing to development and improvement of UHB.

I'm very passionate about our precious NHS, I would relish the opportunity to complete a full term of office.

I will listen and promote the interests of patients and others in a compassionate and professional manner, whilst supporting and challenging the board and NED'S appropriately to make to make a positive difference at UHB.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I work for another NHS trust in medical research in Bristol, which gives me insight into NHS challenges etc. This also means I am conversant with relevant current local, regional and national issues.

I have over 20 years leadership and management experience, covering HR, organisational change, project management skills, purchasing, operations and workforce management, facilities management, business planning, combined with exceptional communication skills.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

There has never been such huge challenges facing the NHS, and an experienced governor strengthens UHB ability to deliver the best care possible.

In office the last 6 months, I have been very conscious of my role to represent you the patient, and have attended most meetings, focus groups etc, and public events in order to do this justice.

I've a chronic health condition over the last 40 years which means I am very familiar with UHB from a patient prospective due to regular in/out patient visits giving me valuable experience.

I able to make a positive contribution and capable with your support!

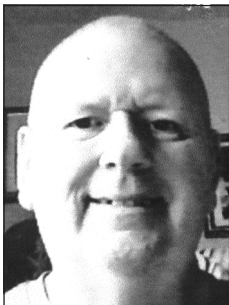
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**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Mick O'Neill-Duff



### **Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I'm very passionate about the NHS. I've been a patient, as well as taking family and residents who I used to care for, so I have seen both sides of hospital life.

I will listen, promote the interests of patients and others in a compassionate and in a professional manner. Bring issues to the Board that patients and visitors may have in the life of the hospitals UHB have in Bristol and surrounding areas. I want to make a positive contribution for everyone that uses our hospitals.

### **What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I have worked in the Care Sector for 14 years, mainly to do with Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Asperger's. Which meant taking the client to any NHS appointments, so I have seen how the hospitals are run.

I have also held many roles in the voluntary sector helping all different advantaged, disadvantaged and ethnic people. Also I have been a school governor, a company secretary. So I have the skills to carry out this role to represent the patients who use our hospitals.

### **Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I believe the NHS is for the people no matter what walk in life they come from. It is going through difficult times at the present, I want to be part of helping it through this and representing the patient's views.

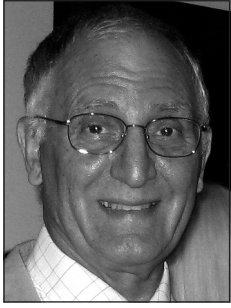
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## Raymond Phipps



### Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have lived in Bristol for many years and have been a patient on several occasions. My family and many friends have benefitted from excellent healthcare provided by highly skilled and compassionate doctors and staff. Personal experience has given me a good understanding of the range of healthcare issues and the resources needed to deal with them. I believe that care of the highest standard with good integration of the agencies involved should be available to all. I have a keen interest in the future work of UHBT and serving on the council of governors. It would be a privilege to contribute to the effective running of the Trust.

### What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I have successfully held a wide range of positions from Engineer to Divisional Manager. Serving on company executive control committees gave me experience of the day to day operation of Divisions within a large corporation. Roles have included responsibility for contract negotiation, financial performance, technical and strategic development. Dealing with large capital projects I visited many countries to precisely identify customer needs and the means to satisfy them. To achieve profitable results, I have developed good interpersonal and communication skills. I am a Member of The Institution of Engineering and Technology.

### Any other information that you feel is relevant?

UBHT provides essential healthcare from birth through childhood to our later years. Developing and sustaining this for the future is crucial. As a Member of the Council I will use my best endeavours on behalf of patients to achieve that outcome.

### Declaration of Interests:

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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## Anne Skinner née White



### Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have been a Local Patient Governor for six years and I am passionate about representing both patients and the general public.

I consider it both an honour and a privilege that you have allowed me to act as an ambassador for all local patients within the confines of the Trust. I feel an affinity with the University Hospitals Bristol having trained in the 1960's at both the Bristol Eye Hospital and the BRI.

### What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I bring my professional experience as a retired Nurse, who has good communication skills, an eye for detail and a commitment to always do my best, and my personal experience as both an inpatient and outpatient in many of our hospitals, having had twelve operations.

I see my role as that of representing the needs and views of patients and do my very best to improve care and protect patients in whatever way I can. I am a member of twelve committees and groups all of which relate to improving patient care.

I often spend three or four days a week at our various hospitals, hopefully making a difference. I believe that this is essential for me to understand what is being achieved in our hospitals. I feel immense satisfaction when I see things that I have raised being acted upon and resulting in changes for the better.

### Any other information that you feel is relevant?

My aim is to continue to see a responsive Trust providing prompt, excellent healthcare in clean hospitals with low rates of infection and single sex wards.

### Declaration of Interests:

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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Patient: Carer of Patients under 16 years

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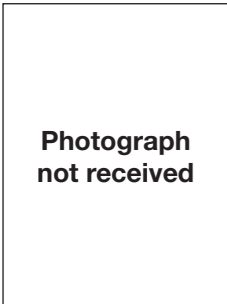


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**Philip Andrew George Mackie**



**Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

I am coming up to the end of my second term as Governor in this Constituency, and I feel I still have a lot more to offer. I have continued to highlight the responsibilities and work load of parents and carers of disabled children to management, and generally raised their profile. I am not afraid to tell management exactly "How it is"

**What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

As the father of a profoundly handicapped and terminally ill child – for 15 years – prior to his death, I am only too aware of the responsibilities placed on parents and carers. I have considerable experience in the hospital environment and dealing with medical and nursing staff.

**Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I have the welfare at heart of not only the patients, but also of their parents and carers. Please re-elect me in order that I may continue to further your interests

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None  
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

**Shirley Stanton**



**Why do you wish to carry out this role?**

As the parent of a disabled child we are frequently at the hospital and I felt that a voice for disabled children and their Carers was needed.

**What skills do you feel you bring to the role?**

I have been part of the disabled Children’s Working Group for 3 years as a parent – representative.

**Any other information that you feel is relevant?**

I campaigned for a Changing Places facility at the hospital so young people could go to the bathroom safely and with dignity.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None  
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

**Lorna Watson**



I am a mother of two teenagers with Cystic Fibrosis, one of whom has Asperger’s Syndrome (a type of Autism). I have been a Governor for 6 years and have been privileged to represent parents and carers by bringing my own experiences to the role. My children are long term patients of Bristol Children’s Hospital, so as a parent I experience many of the challenges facing carers who bring their children to the hospital for outpatient and inpatient stays. My children were patients from birth and will be making the transition to adult care in the next few years. Over the years I have met other parents and carers through my own use of local support networks and I hear about the challenges facing them in using our hospital services with their children and teenagers.

I hope to continue my role as Carer Governor to bring the “birth to adulthood” patient’s perspective to the decision making process of the Trust. In my role as governor I have been an active participant in

Quality forums, the Carer’s Strategy Group and several public consultation groups.

I also work as a part time teacher in Adult Education teaching adults on leisure courses. My past experience includes teaching adults with mental health problems and my previous full time career was in Training Management.

I hope to continue to be an effective governor and support your young patients by bringing the parent’s and carer’s viewpoint to the membership council.

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