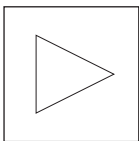


CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors Public: Bristol

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Dr Carole Dacombe



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

The UHB Trust group of hospitals has played an important role in my life for 45 years, since I came to Bristol to study medicine. I worked in and then alongside the trust as a junior doctor, GP and Palliative Care doctor (at St Peter's Hospice) and have also relied on it as a patient, wife, mother and daughter. During that time I've had the privilege of sharing in the stories of many patients, families and staff and would now love to have the opportunity to support the trust's services and staff as a representative of my fellow Bristol constituents. I have always had a strong belief in the NHS but recognize that it faces enormous challenges at the present time, and feel that we must be prepared to work hard to support our local services. Having retired recently I feel that I can give the time and commitment that this role deserves.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

My professional career has given me a wide awareness of both NHS and voluntary sector hospital, community and hospice services; along with their financial and management structures and how they interlink. It has also offered me the opportunity to develop personal communication, listening and teaching skills which I believe will help me to learn about, and then carry out, this role.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Dr Tom Frewin



I have had the great privilege of looking after patients for over 40 years, first as a hospital physician and then as a GP with my own practice.

I now want to give something back by making a contribution to the community. To the role of governor I can bring the skills and understanding acquired over many years as a health professional.

I have good communication skills. For years I have been involved with the media, giving interviews on controversial and difficult issues regarding health and doctors.

I can bring a perspective to the role, built on past experience and direct knowledge of how the health system works. I am able to exercise sound judgement and common sense, as well as diplomacy in holding the non-executive directors to account. I am realistic, with both feet firmly on the ground. But

I am also willing to ask the questions that others might not. I am not afraid to challenge when challenge is called for. I am totally independent.

It is so important that voices needing to be heard do get a hearing. I can act as a conduit for those voices by making sure that views and concerns are appropriately passed on and taken seriously.

I have seen and worked through many reorganisations within the NHS. So I have a memory of the past and a vision for the future. I want to work to help others achieve their vision for improved and excellent healthcare in our Bristol hospitals.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Susan Mehdevy



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

My first experience of the NHS was through my mother who was a Departmental Sister in charge of Outpatients at Frenchay Hospital. She told me many tales of her experiences during the War and in Stoke on Trent as a midwife and a fever nurse. I now feel I should like to contribute in saving and helping this wonderful Institution go from strength to strength, and, at the same time, supporting the dedicated staff and making the patients' stay as comfortable as possible.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

With my husband, we provide rented accommodation in Bristol – this provides experience of dealing with people, understanding the legal side and being prompt with property maintenance. I also ran my own Montessori Nursery in London for 10 years – it was a joy.

I have studied Economics and British Constitution and Open University Foundation Science. This could help the Trust be more environmentally and sustainably aware, and perhaps run more economically. I have taken a great interest in waste technology over these last few years.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

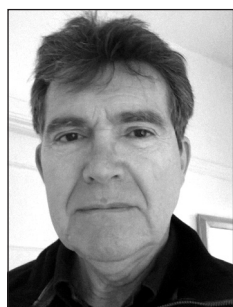
Whilst understanding the importance and need for mainstream treatments, I feel there should be a space for Alternative Medicines. I have found them very effective over the years and much cheaper. Homeopathy was part of the NHS when it first started in 1947.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Paul Mugford



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am incredibly proud of the NHS and all that it does. I strongly believe that if the health community i.e. the Patients, hospitals, GP's and allied services fully recognise the issues we all face, and work closely together, that we can achieve even more.

Like many of us it is likely that my need to use NHS services may increase in the future and I would like to do what I can to ensure that what we need is available when we need it. We can all make a difference and I would like to do my bit by being your voice as a Governor.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

Starting as a butcher, becoming a civil servant, moving to banking and, more recently, managing GP surgeries I have acquired a broad range of skills including: -

- Effective major budget management
- Balanced risk assessment – not always taking the easiest option
- Sound staff management – developing a well trained and committed team
- Strategic planning – thinking and planning for the future
- Public engagement – listening and responding to the voice of patients, carers and service users

All of these will be made available as, and when, needed.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

Now, almost retired, I am providing support to the One Care Consortium which is delivering work through the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire to develop integrated and responsive 24/7 access to GPs. I am also an adult literacy coach with Read Easy UK and an Appropriate Adult supporting young people taken into custody.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Liberal Democrats

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Graham Russell Papworth



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

Two years ago, I suffered a Aortic dissection (I burst my main artery), was blue lighted into the BRI, diagnosed by the A&E team and was then rushed into Surgery for a ten hour operation. A tour of the facilities continued, I was in intensive care in a coma for 3 days, high dependency for a week and then Ward 52 for physio and plastic surgery – I had to learn to walk again – Great care from all, top team, I should be dead – I want to give something back!

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I'm an active charity Trustee, working for two Bristol Charities and am use to advising Exec and Non-Exec Directors.

I'm an Exec Director myself, working as a Finance and HR Director for a World Class Education Software business. So I know what its like to be on the other side of the board table.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Maureen Ann Phillips



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am a 54 year old retired solicitor and as a former partner in a large Bristol practice am experienced in running a business. I have lived in Bristol for 49 years. I have recent experience of the NHS as a user, dealing with dementia and strokes, and successfully secured care funding for my parents after appearing at an Appeals Tribunal. I am a great supporter of the NHS and appreciate the impact of financial and organisational restraints. I want to use my experiences to ensure that patient communication is given high priority when many patients are not able, or equipped to ask the right questions. The right information at the right time and involvement in decisions does not have to involve expenditure.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I have good communication skills. I am used to working with others, good at managing expectations and opinions to facilitate reaching a consensus, all skills which were essential in my professional life. I work well with people from all walks of life. I am not afraid to challenge the status quo, which will be essential in the role of Governor and where often there can be a reluctance or excuse to avoid change.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

In retirement I have the time and energy to devote to the role and to learn how the management of the hospital Trust works. In my spare time I am a netball player, rugby fan and love the outdoors. I am by nature optimistic, there is a solution to most problems!

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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Dr Bishnu Upadhaya



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am passionate about our NHS and how it serves our local community. I will work in collaboration with other Governors, NHS trust members and staff to promote patients need in all healthcare areas and improve access the quality NHS services for our people.

I believe, together we must give our NHS the best possible option to deliver its purpose, focused always needs to patients and visitors, listening to their views and interest will help me advocate for patients dignity, privacy, confidentiality, inclusion, respect and challenge discrimination.

I would welcome the opportunity to influence future healthcare need in our community, holding the trust to account and ensure transparency.

I desire to represent patient's needs to be fulfilled, people's feeling, thoughts, ideas will be recommended.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

My experiences (at the Corporate Sector, Healthcare Sector, Clinical Governance, Social Sector and Business Sectors) across many specialities give me a strong background and great understanding to make our NHS more efficient.

Having a PhD in Psychology and Doctorate in Health Sciences and experiences on various projects in the Asia, America and Europe I have a willpower to fulfil my duty and responsibilities.

I have worked in strategic and operational areas in various organisations. Given the opportunity I will effetely represent my constituency.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have strong communication, team working, analytical skills, and good understanding about healthcare needs for people, help make our NHS Trust more efficient. I want to put my knowledge and experiences to improve our NHS Trust.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Gillian Woodman-Smith



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

Since completing non-medical professional training in the NHS (in my twenties) I have had a working life which has been challenging and deeply satisfying. I have worked in a number of clinics and hospitals, always as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Although I would have much to learn I would like to offer to draw on this experience and extend my interests in becoming a Governor

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

Having, for almost forty years, offered psychological treatment to children, adolescents and adults I have had the privilege of engaging at close quarters with a wide variety of individuals. Trying to find helpful ways forward in situations that were often complex, I was invariably supported and informed by team meetings, colleague discussion or supervision. I also have three-years experience as a trustee to a charity

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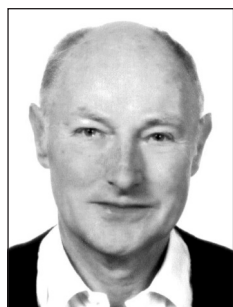
I have also been a patient – four years ago, diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. Thanks to the skill and excellence of the surgical, oncology and nursing teams at BRI, I am fit and well and enjoying a new chapter in life. My interests include singing in choir, walking, reading and spending time with grandchildren. One son is a doctor who keeps me abreast of current issues in the NHS

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Brian Worthington



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

The success of an NHS Foundation Trust depends primarily of course on the abilities and commitment of its staff: medical, practical and managerial. In addition their efforts benefit from the contribution of non-professional governors, who set themselves the task of understanding the challenges and achievements in Trust hospitals. By acting in an unbiased way, governors can bring informed criticism, praise and advice, with positive suggestions for staff to develop.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

As head of department of a dozen teachers in a Bristol secondary school, school governor for ten years, and an Open University Tutor for over twenty years I have experience of guiding, assessing and advising people of many ages.

Chairing an amenity society of around 1,000 members requires skills in organization, presentation and tactful suggestion. That would be useful for the task of visiting hospitals to observe and consult patients and staff.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

The UHB Trust is notably keen to take advantage of the contribution of governors. It has, I believe, benefited from taking account of their concerned advice and experience.

I have benefited from continuing treatment at St. Michael's Hospital and the BRI. I hope to give something in return.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None