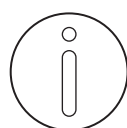


CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors

Public: Bristol

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John Chablo



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

As a current Governor, I have seen the impact and importance of good governance within an NHS Foundation Trust, and I would like to continue helping as best I can within this role, particularly with the current move towards the Group Model. I have also experienced first hand the great support our hospitals provide, as my son was diagnosed with leukaemia when younger, and we were a constant visitor to the Children's Hospital for 3 years, so it is also about being able to give something back.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I run my own Digital Marketing Agency in Bristol, so I am very interested in monitoring the rapid changes in the digital transformation within the NHS, and seeing how this can help with improving care. As a business owner I am also commercially aware, and understand all the different facets required when running a business operation, whether large or small.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

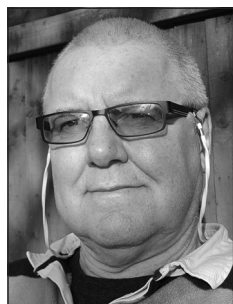
I am fully committed to the role, attending as many meetings as I possibly can, enabling me to gain a full understanding of how the Trust is run. I look forward to representing all our Trusts members, and hearing your views at Health Matters, and our other public events.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Robert Edwards



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have been Volunteering for over 19 years Now, by supporting Vulnerable Adults/Young Adults within Bristol & Surrounding Area. I have witnessed the issues that are affecting everyone This gives me the opportunity to speak up on their behalf and share with my fellow Governors the problems Vulnerable Adults/Young Adults are facing each day. Volunteering as a Governor for NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) gives me the opportunity to say what the people and patients are saying and being their voice to ask questions that I think they are asking themselves.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

With over 19 years Volunteering experience supporting Vulnerable Adults/Young Adults for victim support, Citizens Advice Bureau. I am Currently Volunteering for Changes Bristol & Second Steps a few hours a week for each of them working alongside other Volunteers supporting the Community.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

Being a Community support officer a long side my role as a Governor has given me the understanding of the issues patients are facing and how its affecting them, I ask them if I can raise this issue/s to my fellow Governors and board members based on the facts.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Wendy Hurn



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

As someone who has devoted my life to healthcare of others I am passionate about providing the best for those who use a valuable service. I spent almost 30 years in UHBW as a senior nurse and served as a staff governor and understand the importance of such a role. I feel that my past experiences in this role gives me great insight into just what is required to get the best possible outcomes for the end users and staff which is the ultimate goal

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I bring to this role dual experience both as a healthcare professional and as a member of the public and a great supporter of UHBW. I am still a practicing nurse so up to date on healthcare policies etc although I now work independently. I am compassionate a great listener and communicator and feel at ease talking to all individuals at whatever level. I am a good negotiator and also a natural leader and have proved this over my career. I am passionate about the NHS, healthcare and prevention of disease I feel I have so much to give

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

As I now run my own business I have flexible working times so able to support and assist in this role. I enjoyed my time as staff governor but it did have time constraints due to clinical workload. This would be a different way of working in this role

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Robert Knowles-Leak



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am a long-term resident of Bristol, with family and friends that work in the hospital and, as we all do, rely on its services. I would like to spend the time I now have to support the trust in its provision of excellent patient care, while preparing its staff and facilities for the future. Supporting its aims to grow its services through innovation while increasing the equity of its provision into the communities that it serves.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

A long career consulting in organisational change and development has equipped me with the skills to facilitate and support the development and delivery of programmes of change that make organisations ready for the future. This experience will be very relevant in the coming years, with the substantial changes that UHBW Foundation Trust plans to undertake, including the cross-city integration of services with North Bristol Trust.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have been treated for a broken shoulder and had a significant operation on my smashed wrist at the BRI in recent years. I would like to give back something by way of thanks for the care that I received.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Dr Jay-Jay Martin



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I believe that due to my professional experience as well as my experience being a patient with long standing health issues, I can have unique point of view on various medical, financial, social and patient care issues. I can bring a fresh air and fresh perspective to a very complex issues involved in running Health Care provider. We live in extremely challenging times. In times where every idea, every person and every experience can only help to plan the future and supervise current issues.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am former lecturer and NHS part time employee. I know the basic and some complicated issues and I was able, and I believe I am still able to use my knowledge to help resolve ongoing problems professionally, using my teamwork skills in finding the best solutions. Working together with others to make the NHS services as smooth as possible for the staff and the patients.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I took part in various courses organised for NHS medical staff as well as for the management bodies. I took part in medical trial/experiment as a patient and professional. I have run volunteer services for patients. I worked with young doctors helping them with their development.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Martin Rose



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have been a Bristol Public Governor for 6 years and am seeking re-election for another term of office, which will be my last term sadly. I am the Deputy Lead Governor and Chair of the Strategy Focus Group. I have been involved in shortlisting and interviewing candidates including the Chair of the Trust. I was also involved in the merger of University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust with Weston General Hospital NHS Trust. On our radar right now is a group model with North Bristol NHS Trust. We are a passionate group of people representing our communities. Thank you.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

As a former nursing assistant in the NHS, I have a working knowledge of how the wards operate. Our youngest child has Cystic Fibrosis and this resulted in being in and out of our children's hospital including many out patient appointments. I have a lot of contact with many of our hospital's in relation to my disabilities. I am passionate about our National Health Service and am proud of the small part that I play, sharing my perspective in our meetings. Being a governor has given me so many opportunities of personal development.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

Information not provided.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: The Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Phil Smith



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

Having just retired, I now wish to give something back to the community utilising my skills and qualifications gained in employment as a manager on BT and as a Reserve Army Officer. I have welfare qualifications and extensive managerial experience which I believe would complement the role of governor. I am passionate about supporting the NHS and am a great believer in it. I have an elderly mother and was previously a one parent family giving me a better insight into the problems faced by members of the NHS community.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I served with the Army Reserve for 47 years with the last 10 years being full time employment as a Unit Welfare Officer. I am a Mental Health First Aider and have experience of dealing with welfare cases including mental health. Through my years of management, I have developed many soft skills which I use to help and encourage people. I am passionate about listening, helping and coaching people for greater performance.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have had some health problems previously which has let me interact with the NHS hospital staff giving me an insight into the working of the NHS. I am an Ambassador for Alabaré (a Veterans homeless charity), and a member of the Bristol Army Benevolent Fund committee.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Chloë Somers



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I believe that strong patient voices are essential. I've been a patient at many of UHBW's hospitals and welcome the new strategic aim to grow engagement with patients. I'd like to help create a Trust which offers the best experience for everyone who uses hospital services across Bristol and Weston. As a Governor, I would be a critical friend to the Board, providing constructive challenge and holding it to account. Diverse representation is important and I'd bring my perspective as a young woman.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am a trained volunteer with Breast Cancer Now, supporting younger women with breast cancer during diagnosis and treatment through listening and empathy. In my professional life I build partnerships to create opportunities for ground-breaking scientific research, working across different cultures to develop common understanding and shared goals. I'm a skilled and collaborative communicator with experience in comms, policy, governance and business case development.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

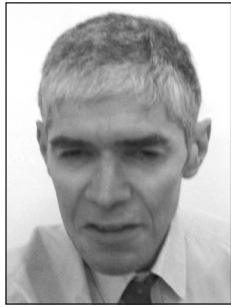
My experience as a breast cancer patient both in Bristol and in the US taught me that advocating for your health is vitally important. If elected I would work to bring positive advocacy on behalf of all UHBW patients to the role – it's time to 'pay it forward'!

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Paul Wheeler



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am standing for election as a Governor because I believe that I have the skills needed to make an effective contribution to ensuring patients' voices are heard in the Trust's decision making. I am active in patient involvement in primary care through chairing the Patient Participation Group at my GP Practice. I consider that good patient care needs hospital doctors and GPs to work together effectively and communicate efficiently. I am also trustee of a charity in South Bristol which follows a community based approach to supporting healthy living.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I have good listening, communication and analytical skills. As an advocate I supported local people who wished to make formal complaints about the service they had received from the NHS. This gave me an insight into the impact it can have on patients when mistakes occur or they are poorly treated. A message I often heard was "I don't want this to happen to someone else."

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

For me, recognising when treatment and other aspects of NHS services have fallen short of the high standard they should be and putting in place corrective measures should be a core part of the Trust's culture. I believe listening and responding appropriately to concerns raised by staff are also important for the Trust in upholding high standards of patient care.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None