



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

As Governor, I would be your voice to ensure the highest quality care for our community. My leadership skills and passion for quality, can help shape policies that are patient-focussed and supportive. I am committed to fostering an environment where innovation thrives and where every individual receives compassionate, equitable treatment. My background in leadership combined with my dedication to transparency and accountability, positions me to effectively advocate for both patients and professionals. Ultimately, I aim to contribute to a healthcare system that is responsive, resilient, and provides for all of us.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

My expertise in strategic planning will enable the development of long-term initiatives to enhance patient care and operational efficiency. My strong financial acumen ensures effective budgeting, resource allocation, and financial oversight. Exceptional communication skills fostering collaboration among staff, patients, and stakeholders, ensuring everyone’s voice is heard and valued. Proficiency in problem-solving allows me to quickly identify and address challenges, implementing practical and innovative solutions. Additionally, my commitment to high-quality care and continuous improvement will help drive the hospital’s success, benefiting both the healthcare professionals, patients and the community it serves.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I bring extensive healthcare knowledge and unwavering commitment to improving patient care. My analytical thinking ensures fair decisions, while my dedication to disability and inclusion guarantees equitable access for all. Together, we can create a healthcare system that truly serves every member of our community.

Declaration of Interests:

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



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have been a governor for 8 years now and would relish the opportunity to continue serving the people of South Gloucestershire and all who use our hospitals. I have a particular interest in the welfare of patients who have to stay in hospital while they are waiting for a care placement. We need to free up beds in order to tackle the huge waiting lists. The quality of life for people unnecessarily stuck in hospital deteriorates the longer they stay, often losing mobility and suffering worsening mental health. I am constantly bringing this intolerable situation to governors and to the board. I want to continue pressing this case and find a resolution to this crisis.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

After being a governor for 8 years I am comfortable and experienced taking part. in large and small meeting scenarios. I am well versed in how the Trust runs and have a proven track record in asking questions and holding the non executive directors to account for their actions. I have served on a number of interview panels including the recruitment of our new Joint Trust Chair.I also took part in the process that saw Weston General Hospital join the Trust. This was a major event in which I learned a great deal which has given me more knowledge to ask relevant questions with increased confidence.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to serve as a governor of UHBTW NHS Trust and serve the people of South Gloucestershire and the wider community in this capacity. There is still much to do and many challenges to face for our health service and for our hospitals here in Bristol. I would be honoured if you would give me the opportunity to continue to serve as a governor.

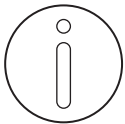
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CANDIDATES’  
ELECTION  
STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors  
Public: South Gloucester

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Ben Argo



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

When I ran for Governor three years ago, my focus was on advocating for individuals with learning disabilities and autism. Now, as I stand for re-election and aim to continue as the Lead Governor, my goal is to tackle health inequalities in our locality and across our region. I am committed to ensuring that our healthcare system is inclusive and responsive to the needs of all patients. My personal experiences with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, and dyspraxia drive my dedication to representing and amplifying the voices of neurodiverse individuals and addressing broader health disparities.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I bring a unique blend of lived experience and professional expertise to the role. My background in digital technology is crucial for driving the digital transformation of our health service over the next decade. As a lived experience practitioner with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, I have collaborated with both them and UHBW on implementing the accessible information standard. This work has focused on enhancing patient experience and ensuring that services are inclusive and effective. My tenure on the Council of Governors has honed my ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders and navigate complex healthcare environments.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

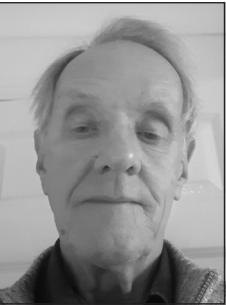
If reelected, I will champion initiatives that ensure our hospitals meet the needs of every patient, from birth to end of life. I am dedicated to enhancing patient care, advocating for neurodiverse individuals, and driving inclusive healthcare practices. Together, we can build a healthier future for all.

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Stephen David Carroll



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

At 75, with an MSc in Building Services Design and Consultancy, I bring extensive experience and a wealth of knowledge. My exceptional interpersonal skills, IT proficiency, and organizational talents make me an ideal candidate for the NHS trust governor role. I am committed to being a proactive team player while also excelling independently. My goal is to contribute meaningfully to the enhancement of NHS services through thoughtful consultation and recommendations. Witnessing the challenges faced by the NHS, I am driven by a desire to give back and improve the system that has supported me throughout my life.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

With a keen eye for detail and exceptional organizational skills, I excel in managing complex systems, ensuring efficient and effective service delivery. My strong IT skills enable me to leverage technology to enhance healthcare operations. As a team player with excellent interpersonal skills, I foster collaborative environments and build strong relationships with stakeholders. My ability to work independently and take initiative ensures that I can address challenges proactively. Driven by a genuine desire to improve healthcare services, I am well-equipped to contribute innovative ideas and strategic insights to the NHS trust, enhancing its overall performance.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have a keen interest in medicine in general and forensic science in particular and have considered returning to university to study forensics. However, my age makes me consider the viability of undertaking such a course

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

David Chandler



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I was a carer to both parents who had medical issues from diabetes, cardiology, colorectal cancer, renal, vascular and dementia so experienced a lot of care from both hospitals and primary and community care. I saw how pathways worked to the benefit of the patients and how some never. I will strive to join up care and make the experience easier for patients by working hard with specialists in the NHS.I will work hard to level up care and not be afraid to tackle injustices or care that falls below a certain level.I am a good communicator and listener but will take views from South Glos residents to meetings and represent them.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

A good communicator and listener.I do research and innovation for the NHS and will make this an important part in improving better care for patients.I want to hear views from across South Glos residents so I can represent them to the board of UHBW.I enjoy working within a team, enjoy problem solving and adapting to opportunities as they arise but also challenging the system as well.In terms of solving problems, I will be creative but will put the patient first.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I feel I can offer a good level of experience of health to improve patient outcomes by working with all NHS staff and listening to their views as well on making improvements.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Paul Cousins



Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I would like to express of interest in becoming UHBW Governor. I have the knowledge, skill and abilities required to be successful in this role. I am self-motivated with over 20 years of operational and strategic management experience including large scale projects, accountability for budgets, and working closely with key stakeholders system wide. As an Senior manager in the NHS, I have a strong commitment to enhancing staff & patient experience. I thrive in collaborative environments, and I am eager to lead efforts that will enhance staff and the public voice to shape the future of the NHS in Bristol.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I have a wealth of experience of working within the NHS and dealing with senior audiences and patients, this includes in my capacity as an independent assessor for The Human Tissue Authority and The Royal London Hospital. I have previously been a school governor therefore I have experience of reading and writing reports at board level. . These roles have allowed me to use my transferable skills to improve partnership working, improving patient care and experience. I have experience dealing with clinical effectiveness, risk management and staff, patients, and community safety.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

It would be a honour to be part of the council of governor and I would be keen to use my experience from working at North Bristol Trust since 2017.

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None