

## Annual Public Meeting 2015

Thursday 10 September, Shepherd Hall, St Thomas' Hospital

- 5.30pm** Refreshments and information stands in Central Hall
- 5.50pm** Guests to take their seats in Shepherd Hall
- 6.00pm** **Welcome**  
Sir Hugh Taylor, Chairman
- Minute's silence**  
To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first bombs landing on Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals in the Blitz, we remember the 10 members of staff who were killed at St Thomas' in World War II
- 6.10pm** **Review of the last year and future plans**  
Sir Ron Kerr, Chief Executive
- 6.20pm** **Council of Governors' report – including a members' vote on a proposed change to the Foundation Trust constitution\***  
Professor John Porter, Lead Governor
- 6.30pm** **'We're listening' film**  
A new film demonstrating the commitment of our staff to listen to and learn from the experts – our patients and carers
- 6.40pm** **Improving care for older people – in our hospitals and in your local community**
- Acute Older Persons Unit**  
Dr Rebekah Schiff, Consultant Geriatrician and General Physician  
Clinical Lead for the Department of Ageing and Health
- @home service**  
Karen Titchener, Deputy Head of Nursing/Clinical Lead, @home
- 6.50pm** **#hellomynameis – a national campaign to promote compassion in healthcare which we have adopted at Guy's and St Thomas'**  
Dame Eileen Sills, Chief Nurse and Director of Patient Experience
- 7.00pm** **Question Time**  
Your chance to quiz the Trust Board
- 7.30pm** **Close**

\*See over the page for details

**Proposed change to the Foundation Trust constitution**

## **Context**

The Trust is committed to, and has a legal obligation, to develop its membership such that it reflects the communities served by the Trust. The Trust is also committed to engagement with its members and to maximising their participation in elections to the Council of Governors. Experience in other foundation trusts has shown that members are more likely to vote in elections if they can do so electronically.

The Trust's constitution does not permit this at present but it is proposed to adopt a new set of election rules which would allow voting by electronic means: the internet, telephone or text messaging. The rules have been developed by NHS Providers, a body which represents foundation trusts, and Electoral Reform Services, the company which administers the Trust's elections. The Trust's legal advisors have confirmed that the rules are compliant with the law and can be incorporated into the constitution.

The constitution requires that amendments of this type can only be made with the approval of more than half of the members voting at an Annual Public Meeting. Members attending the Annual Public Meeting are therefore asked to approve the proposal to adopt Annex 3 available at [www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/apm](http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/apm), so that it replaces the election rules which are currently part of the constitution. This will allow electronic voting to be used in all future elections to the Council of Governors. No other amendments need to be made to the constitution to introduce the new rules.

## **Resolution**

That the members of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust approve the adoption of the election rules presented to the Annual Public Meeting held on 10 September 2015 such that they are incorporated at Annex 3 of the Trust's Constitution, replacing the rules previously included there.