

candidates' election statements

Election to the Council of Governors

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Moses Allando

I wanna be the governor, those were the words mentioned in a song by the late James Brown, I changed it to I want to be a governor an elected governor in patient care.

I worked as a volunteer for 15 years for East Surrey Health Authority as a mobility aider in client and patient care, my responsibilities were to look after children and adults with learning difficulties at the Royal Earlswood Hospital in Redhill, I then transferred back to London and became involved with different organisations, AGE CONCERN, SOUTHWARK DISABLEMENT and SOUTHWARK CHURCHES, I THEN BEGAN TAKING CLIENTS TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT, CHECK UPS, sitting amongst them talking to them listening to their conversations, anguish, despair, frustrations, waiting. I observed and learned with the knowledge and experience I had as a patient support worker and wanted to get involved so I joined and became a member of GUYS and ST THOMASES NHS FOUNDATION TRUST.

I have always been interested in care, support feelings attitudes in patients relating to hospitals and I know as a governor if nominated that I can be of service to them in supporting their needs with my experience, support for the patients the people. Of *(statement cut at word limit)*

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Stiva Bailey

I myself was born at Guys 30 years ago. I have had many experiences with the NHS as a patient, including periodontology at Guy's and successful spinal surgery at St George's. I understand how we depend on the competence of the NHS at different stages of our lives. Your hospital actually saved my mother's life when she developed eclampsia in 1977. Now I feel this is my opportunity to give something back.

I have an innate ability to engage with the public and understand their opinions of the Trust. I would like to be involved in the long-term/changing needs of the Southwark community, where I am a resident.

My own background includes several positions within the public sector and a postgraduate degree in social sciences. As a resident of Walworth I would like to think I understand both the ground level and management perspectives that affect the Trust in South London. This is the key to influencing decisions that will help bring about the changes we need.

If I am elected I will bring the energy and determination to represent the public's needs in South London and ensure everyone can benefit from the best possible care.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Gloria Brown

I am passionate about health and wellbeing, and have been innovative in being a key player starting up a health project for my church. This is now an annual event concentrating on all major issues that affect our mainly BAME congregation. I work in Community Engagement with Southwark Council and bring expertise of working with the public on all aspects of consultations, issues that affect the community including health, housing, benefits and financial management. I am a trustee of Camberwell Consolidated Charities which works with vulnerable older people on low incomes, assessing and providing small grants.

As a patient of Guys Hospital I have experienced of being on the receiving end. I have experience in working with health authorities to develop care plans for both dementia and autistic patients ensuring best possible outcomes.

Both my work and personal experience will enhance the Board of Trustees and develop my interest in this area. I bring to the table my expertise in working with the public specifically BAME, LGBT, disabled groups. I am professional; excellent networker; good communicator; able to manage deadlines and new challenges; and enthusiastic to take on new challenges to bring benefits to local people.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Professor Kevin Burnand

I have been a governor for the last three years and have been able to influence a number of areas of local healthcare including potential mergers. I have brought my medical knowledge to bear in board meetings and governors meetings which I have attended diligently, only missing one meeting in three years.

I care passionately about the trust having worked in it for more than thirty years. My wife still works for the trust and my children were born there. I live locally and am chairman of the veterans of Guys and St Thomas. I think that I can still contribute to the trust.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Yvonne Craig

- Lifetime of being active in community and health campaigns since the 60s, starting with parents' rights to visit their children in hospital, and free contraceptive advice as and when needed.
- Kennington resident since 1985 when appointed National Training Officer at Westminster; married to an Anglican priest, active member of South Bank Churches; three children, two living locally with families.
- Born in Hammersmith, my Cambridge MA followed by post graduate qualifications at Birkbeck College and Goldsmiths' College
- 18 years a magistrate, 7 years a Bristol City Councillor/Avon County Councillor, involved in many Boards and Committees including Avon Family Practitioner Committee.
- 1980-85 Tutor in Human Sciences at a Bristol Theological College training clergy: included group work, conflict resolution and family support projects.
- Author of *Learning for Life* and *Tomorrow Is Another Country*. Latest book (Yvonne Craig Inskip) *Things My Mother'S Never Told Me*.
- My particular concerns are about helping patients, carers, individuals and local communities to have a say in Trust decisions and practice as we move towards more care-in-the-community. These things are challenging but we've made a good start and I'd like to build on my experience in my second term of office.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Leila Desiree Gharthey

I am a retired Physiotherapist. I trained many years ago at the St Thomas' School of Physiotherapy. I have always felt that the training I received was second to none. I have a genuine interest in the Guys and St Thomas Hospital Foundation Trust as I know that they have always had a good reputation and they try very hard to maintain the highest standards in health care.

At present I am a member of the Trust. I have participated in 2 Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment at the Pulross Centre and at the Amputee Rehabilitation Centre. I have also sat on one of the Working Parties formulating the Non-Smoking Policy which is to be launched shortly.

I have a genuine in the Trust and would be delighted to sit on their Board of Governors. I live in the London borough of Lambeth

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: I have been a member of the Trust for 2 years.

Linda Goldsmith

I am a passionate supporter of the NHS and worked at the interface of health and social services, as both a practitioner and a manager, for many years. I consider patient care and involvement; high quality clinical practice and research; and transparency of policies and procedures to be the cornerstones of a successful NHS Foundation Trust.

As a qualified social worker I have experience of working in partnership with doctors, nurses and other health care professionals. I have also inspected a wide variety of health and social services for the Department of Health and the Audit Commission. In these roles I have been required to uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life.

I live in Lambeth and I am currently both a member and a patient of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals whose treatment of my medical issues has always been exemplary.

I believe I have experience and skills which would benefit the Trust and would consider it a great privilege to serve as a Governor. If appointed, I would perform my role with energy, enthusiasm and integrity.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Kate Griffiths-Lambeth

Since my appointment as Public Governor, representing Lambeth (where I was born and live with my family), I have worked hard to help our community and the Foundation Trust – for example by:

- acting as a conduit for local GP surgeries;
- supporting school nurses;
- participating in groups to enhance the care provided and the experience of patients, their friends/families, members of the community and individuals working within the Trust.

I wish to be re-elected for a second term. It takes time to start making a difference and, now that I understand the issues and the people involved, I would like to be able to contribute more.

I am proud to be part of the team ensuring that Guy's and St. Thomas' is delivering high quality services, is well run and guaranteeing that it will continue to provide services that meet the needs of the community going forwards.

I take my governorship seriously: I chair the MeDIC working group; I am actively involved in Council of Governor and Joint King's Health Partners governors' meetings, and attend various committees, ensuring that the Trust is meeting its objectives. I'm even a dragon for the Dragons' Den (investing in excellent ideas proposed by staff).

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

William E Hall

I am applying to be elected to the Board of Governors. I have been a patient at Guys and St Thomas's on more than one occasion over the years and i have lived at my present address in Blackfriars Road since 1984. Indeed i have lived and worked in Southwark and Lambeth for many years. I first started studying and training in the early 1990's. I trained for four years at Vauxhall Collage of Construction (Formerly known as Brixton School of Building) where i received a NVQ Level 3 in construction. Moreover since then i have studied Humanities at Kings Collage London (Waterloo Branch) and have taken Art History with Open University via the National Gallery. At present i am attending Evening Collage for 2 or 3 hours. Three times a week. Where i am learning Languages and Computers (I am at Senior Accountancy Level in computing). Therefore, i think in applying for the position of Patient Governor. I will bring a certain amount of empirical, academic and practical experience to the table. Furthermore, i have always taken an interest in local affairs and would welcome the opportunity to participate actively in the community,

Yours Sincerely

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Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Tom Hoffman

There is increasing pressure to improve early diagnosis, treat patients more efficiently, and reduce hospital running costs. As representatives of the community, governors have a duty to press management to improve hospital cleanliness so that infection is further reduced, and to spend a more funds on clinical provision and patient care and less on bureaucracy.

I have broad business experience as a law graduate, chartered accountant and former CEO of an international financial institution. I was elected a Governor of GSTT in 2012 and have participated actively in the Patient Quality & Engagement and Service Strategy Working Groups, Nominations Committee, External Audit Review Panel, and as patient assessor of the care environment at GSTT.

As a local resident, patient, and visitor, I appreciate the outstanding clinical care provided by GSTT. I have good communication, people, and organisational skills, as well as financial expertise, and I have lobbied regularly on issues of concern to the community, particularly on standards of cleanliness, patient care, and strong financial management.

I know what the job is about, and am keen to continue to serve the community and this outstanding hospital for three more years. Please support me with your vote.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Madge Alexis McGhie

I am a retired teacher, Town and Country Planner and a civil servant working in Public Relations. At present I am an LEA School Governor and a member of the Judiciary.

I have lived and worked in Lambeth for over 60 years.

During these years, I have personally witnessed through volunteering at the Trust, the huge volume of patients the Trust treated through its various medical and social welfare programmes.

My reasons for wishing to be nominated as a public Governor is to offer my help to the trust in providing, maintaining and improving the services it provides to its patients, staffs and visitors as well as:-

1. Ensuring all patients, staffs and visitors are protected under the Health and Safety Regulations.
2. The Care and Quality Commission Guidelines are rigorously adhered to regarding administration and patients confidentiality.
3. Ensuring all patients, staffs and visitors are treated with the greatest degree of dignity and compassion.

It would be a great pleasure to work with other Governors and management to meet and solve the current challenges the NHS is undergoing.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Moh Okrekson

I cherish the excellent work that Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust do in our community and would like to stand as a public governor to ensure that the Trust becomes the best in the country by continuing to provide excellent health and social care services to the community. I will ensure that feedback from patients, staff and the general public is fed to the board of governors for service improvement and to uphold the NHS constitution.

I am a retired civil servant who served in Her Britannic Majesty's Diplomatic Service in India, have lived in Bermondsey for over 30 years, my daughter was born in Guy's Hospital, patient member of the Trust, member of Patient Insight Forum that provide recommendations for service improvement, volunteers as a Call Quality Assessor to improve communication quality, takes part in Patient Led Assessment of Care Environment, board member of Healthwatch Southwark that champions patients and public cause, member of London Patient Dental Advisory Board, reading Group member of Patient and Public Advisory Group that scrutinizes public facing documents to ensure readability in plain English, Patient and Public Voice member of the Clinical Commissioning Board, member of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund Steering (*statement cut at word limit*)

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

James Palmer

I care about Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. It has been a consistent part of my life over the last 7 years, first as an academic and more recently, as a patient. Until 2010, I was a student at KCL Health Schools across both sites at the inception of King's Health Partners. I have since lived across Southwark, Lambeth & Lewisham and work locally for a large public sector organisation in the transport industry. During this time, I have witnessed first-hand the excellent care the trust provides - undergoing surgery at Guy's in 2013, as well as ongoing support from its community services.

I have current governance experience at work and from a previous elected position at King's; Combined with my enthusiasm for the trust, I believe I would thoroughly enjoy the role of a Governor and be able to add value to the board. Being a younger candidate (27) and member of the LGBT community, I feel I would also bring a different perspective to the board, helping ensure the trust's future strategy supports its leading status in these fields.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Makanaka Sibanda

I am a noble woman who cares a lot about deliverance of excellent healthcare services. I volunteer for health institutions and campaign for health policies. When you vote for me, I will share ideas that will allow Guys and St Thomas' to drive forward quality and service improvements in future years. When cancer claimed my mother's life, I developed strong and unstoppable interest in health. I would like to make meaningful contributions to the board on a strategic level. I will also learn from other governors and enrich the board by bringing different perspectives and views. I am also interested in appointing the trust chair, chief executive, non-executive directors who will fulfil their stewardship roles effectively. I will hold the board of directors to account for performance.

Please vote for me so that I will have the opportunity to promote good corporate governance and promote sustainable development at UK's busiest, most successful foundation trust which provide a full range of local hospital and community services for local people as well as specialist care for patients from further afield, including cancer, renal and cardiothoracic services. Please vote for me.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Barry Henry Silverman

I would like to continue the contribution that I hope that have made during my first term. I have regularly attended Trust Board and Council of Governors meetings – as well as participating in the many Groups supporting Governor’s activities. I have regular out patients experience of hospital services and; recently, that of an in patient, during a 5 week stay.

I have served on the Board Committee developing The Trust’s smoke-free policy and participated in a new responsibility of Governors to hold the Board – but, particularly, the non-Executive Directors – to account.

I bring to the role a wide and continuing experience of the local and pan London health economy, particularly as a Patient and Public Voice, including:

- (1) NHS ENGLAND :
Clinical Priorities Advisory Group
Urgent Care System Evaluation Group
London Primary Care Transformation Oversight Group
GP Practice Procurement Team
- (2) OUR HEALTHIER SOUTH EAST LONDON :
Patient & Public Advisory Group
- (3) SOUTHWARK CCG :
Patient Engagement & Experience Committee
- (4) SOUTH LONDON HEALTH INNOVATION :
Steering Group
- (5) HEALTH EDUCATION SOUTH LONDON :
Members Council
- (6) ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS :
Patients Liaison Group
- (7) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RESEARCH
London Regional Advisory Committee
Reviewer of applications for Research Grants
- (8) BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT SOCIAL CARE CHARITY
Trustee

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Labour Party

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Michael Tinarwo

I want to do my best to ensure that the voices of all residents from all communities are heard by Trust management. I will ensure that the body governs by policy. Governing by policy means governing out of policy in the sense that no board activity takes place without references to policy. Within the health industry I am well placed to assist in the governing and shaping of Guy’s and St Thomas’s NHS Foundation Trust to provide a better service for the future needs of the people. I feel strongly about our healthcare service and the way that it works and responds to the needs of the population. I believe that if I forge strong collaborative links between the local population and the trust this will provide a better more responsive, transparent and cost effective service for the future. With my strong local links and knowledge I firmly believe that I can make a difference.

As an effective governor, I will examine monitoring data and determine whether the trust has achieved reasonable interpretation of board-stated criteria. I will further establish the results, recipients, and acceptable costs of those results that justify the trust’s existence.

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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