Candidates’ election statements

Election to the Council of Governors

Public: Wandsworth

Please read carefully before casting your vote.

Candidates were asked to write a headline of 20 words in total explaining why members should vote for them. They were asked to write a personal statement of up to 500 words on why they want to become a governor and what experience and skills they feel they could bring to the role. The headlines are printed on the next few pages and the more detailed statements are on the pages that follow.

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**Why do you want to be a governor?**

I believe passionately in preserving the NHS, and especially St. George's, as a force for improving the life and well-being of our community both at a local level, and the contribution we can make nationally, as a centre of learning, development and best clinical practice.

I am particularly keen to help ensure that the Trust continues to focus on balancing the competing priorities and challenges it faces today, and in the future, whilst safe-guarding its principal purpose of providing high quality health care to our community.

Over the past thirty years I have received the highest level of medical care from the staff at St. George's on a number of occasions and want to give something back by contributing my experience, skills and abilities to the Trust.

I was extremely privileged and humbled to have been elected by members last November onto the Shadow Council of Governors at St Georges. Since then I have been through the induction programme and attended a patient experience meeting where officers from the Care Quality Commission were also present. This experience helped to confirm my commitment to representing members and all patients on the Council. It also reinforced for me the need for governors to meaningfully engage with patients, staff and the general community to fully understand the competing needs of all stakeholders in St. George's future.

**What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?**

I am an experienced manager, academic, management consultant and a sitting lay member on Employment Tribunals. During my career as a lecturer I was privileged to be elected to represent staff on the University's board of governors for two consecutive terms.

I am an experienced Trade Union branch leader who represented a diverse membership.

As well as being an Employment Tribunal member I am also a member of the specialist race panel which requires expert knowledge and experience of championing the needs of ethnic minorities.

Having been a shadow governor for the past seven months I have gained a deeper understanding of St Georges and the community I wish to serve.

**Declaration of Interests:**
**Political Party:** None
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None
**Del Hosain**

I want to repay the kindness and professionalism I received at SGHT and ensure care isn’t compromised by limited resources.

**Why do you want to be a governor?**

Having lived in Wandsworth for over 30 years I have long been an admirer of St Georges’ excellent work. I am keen to see its range and expertise grow despite operating under tough financial constraints.

I have a deep interest in people and my extensive experience in public services has enabled me with the ability to communicate with people from all social levels and background and to understand their needs and problems.

I also believe patients should be treated equally, fairly and with respect and that they should have the opportunity to improve the quality of care within their hospital.

**What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?**

I was a Math’s Teacher, School Governor and an elected Councillor of Wandsworth Borough Council. I was elected Governor of Chelsea & Westminster hospital NHS Foundation Trust up until 2011. As a Wandsworth Councillor I was a member of various committees including the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Policy and finance committee. I served as a councillor representing the borough on the Balham and Tooting town centre partnership boards to promote a cleaner environment, to boost local jobs and press for the economic revitalization of the areas small traders.

I also served as an Associate Hospital Manager for South West London and St Georges Mental Health NHS Trust for 12 years up until 2006. A large part of my responsibility in this role was to ensure that people with severe and enduring mental illness received the service that they were legally entitled to and to push this service to be more responsive to their needs. This role has given me empathy with mentally ill people and the learning disabled.

I was a member of the Civil Liberty’s council in London for a number of years during the 1990’s involved in the campaign for Civil Liberties and promoting human rights. I was involved in helping various charities devoted to children and the disabled in the capital including cancer research, Royal Hospital for neuro-disability in Wandsworth and the British Heart Foundation.

A few years ago I had the opportunity to briefly work with the Wandsworth PCT Clinical Effectiveness Committee. I am currently a member of Healthwatch Wandsworth.

In all my roles I feel I have been able to make valuable contributions towards the Governance process whilst at the same time providing a voice for the local community.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Labour Party

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None

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**David Kirk**

I would provide supportive, challenging scrutiny and oversight of the Foundation Trust’s services to patients and the local community.

**Why do you want to be a governor?**

To play an active, committed role in ensuring that:

- the needs of patients and the local community, including minorities, are sympathetically and regularly addressed;
- patients’ voices are heard and listened to, as well as medical management’s and staff’s;
- Trust policies, priorities and decisions are based on evidence, medical and otherwise, that is properly debated and communicated;
- Trust performance is measured intelligently and fairly;
- St. George’s is a kind, caring and supportive community of medical professionals, patients and supporters;
- The new Foundation Trust is able to respond to future medical, financial and management challenges and continues to develop as a first-class healthcare provider.

**What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?**

A Wandsworth resident for over 30 years (diabetic since 2001), I have had wide experience as in-patient, out-patient, parent and friend of patients, of a range of St George’s services.

My recent civil service career developed a range of relevant skills, including policy advice and co-ordination, project and financial management, organisation development and advocacy. Working mainly in Defence, I also served in senior policy and administrative roles with the Northern Ireland Office, the British Railways Board, and the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad (2003-4).

My final career posting offered substantial NHS-related experience. Operating at Board level, as Change Director for the (NHS-trained) Defence Medical Services, I oversaw: closure of an MOD hospital and transfer of its responsibilities to the NHS; resolution of controversial issues around NHS and MOD care of military casualties; the transformation of an MOD medical training agency into the Joint Medical Command; and government relations with Help for Heroes.

I have also served in voluntary and charitable roles. Current interests include committee membership of three local bodies (Wandsworth Society (as Vice-Chairman), the Wandsworth Common Management Advisory Committee, and Wandsworth Historical Society).

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Labour Party

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None
Yvonne Langley

My work in nursing and social care means I’m ideally placed to help the Trust achieve its mission and vision.

Why do you want to be a governor?
Following the last election and my successful appointment I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the election has had to be repeated. I was thrilled with the support I received and hope that you will vote for me again.

My time, however, has not been in vain. I have actively engaged in the process during my short time as a ‘shadow’ governor. I have completed the governor induction programme, attended and participated in all the meetings and begun to get a keen grasp of what is involved. I am also a ‘shadow’ governor representative in the Trust Quality Inspections group.

I have now ‘dabbled’ my toe in the life of a St Georges Governor and am keen to complete the role for which you so generously voted. Voting for me again will allow me to continue the work I’ve already started without any delays.

I have devoted over 30yrs to working in the nursing and social care sector. I firmly believe in good quality care, enhancing the health of the population and providing an environment that will stimulate and excite the staff, patients and all who come into contact with St George’s Hospital.

Although retired, I feel my work is still not done and there is so much more that I can contribute. Having lived in the borough of Wandsworth all my life, and having worked at St George’s Hospital, been a patient and a relative of patients, I have a very close affinity to the Trust and want to be a part of and assist in driving its success.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
I worked as a nurse and paediatric nurse at St George’s Hospital and have a registered manager qualification in health and social care. I have recently retired from the post of Registered Care Manager in the community care service. I have worked closely with social services in a variety of boroughs in providing good quality care to the community. This work has allowed me to develop good working relationships, skills, knowledge and experience in what is required to ensure that those who require services have their needs met in a caring, confident and competent manner.

I have excellent knowledge of the necessary legislation, guidance and CQC standards involved in Health and Social Care.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Doulla Manolas

I am standing to represent those who feel misunderstood, unheard and isolated by hidden neurological and mental illnesses.

Why do you want to be a governor?
I am a current ‘shadow’ governor of St. George's Healthcare NHS Trust and a long-term out-patient at St George’s with a ‘hidden’ neurological illness. I am keen to work with St. George's Foundation NHS Trust board, staff, patients, governors and other stakeholders (including caterers and teachers) to ensure the Trust’s customer services continue to meet the needs of all who use and interact with it.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
I have much experience in successful business management and changes for organisations such as local councils, universities and international financial companies. Examples include increasing customer satisfaction and numbers by 30% at a local library in Merton to improving team productivity and customer value by over 50% in international banks. I also coach staff to help improve their confidence and motivation in service provision, which I am doing as part of the St’ George's Healthcare NHS Trust shadow governing council and would like to continue to do.

Please vote for me. I will commit to do my best on your behalves as part of the Council of Governors to improve St. George's Trust's services for patients, staff and wider stakeholders.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
Why do you want to be a governor?
I want to be a governor because I strongly believe that it’s important for the board of director’s broad expertise to be balanced with the opinions of the main users of the services; you, me, the local community and surrounding neighbours who depend upon it. The Board of directors certainly are doing a good job but there’s always room for improvement and this is where the board of governors comes into it’s own, a strong voice expressing the concerns and requirements of the local users. St. George’s exists not to serve political/financial/personal agendas but to serve the local community; the young, the old, the infirm, families, singletons and it’s important that we all get the best value for money from that service, targeted at the services caring for you and me.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
I’ve lived in Wandsworth for over 25 years and raised a family here. During that time I’ve occasionally had to call upon the services for my family, so I know what it’s like to be on both sides of the curtain. Frontline services have always been very good but I want to make them even better.
My previous career was working as a nurse on Intensive Care at St George’s before moving into breast cancer and now IT in the medical school. I have excellent inside knowledge about how St George’s works at the ground level. This knowledge has been further broaden over the last few months as I was previously elected to the board of governors, I have much more insight into the inner workings of St. Georges and am grateful to the Foundation Trust members who placed their faith in me and to the team at St. George’s for organising such a comprehensive induction program.
I have a reputation for standing up and arguing with higher management, I stood up against the medical school merging with Royal Holloway a few years ago and successfully argued for closer ties between the medical school and the Trust. I want St George’s to be effective, receptive, caring and a centre of excellence and would consider it an honour to work once again as governor.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Felicity Merz

Why do you want to be a governor?
I have enormous respect for the Trust, its pioneering research and dedicated staff. I have time and energy to devote to something meaningful and can think of nothing more worthwhile than helping to support and encourage those running St. Georges.

The Trust has literally been a lifeline for me and my family. Since I moved back to Wandsworth with the first of my three children 25 years ago, we have used almost 30 departments at St Georges and several more at Queen Mary’s. In all our visits we have experienced first-hand the Trust’s values of ‘excellent, kind, responsible and respectful’ treatment. Playing a small role in maintaining or even improving that level of service would be a privilege.
My particular interest is in standards of care of by – and of – nursing staff. I am also interested in initiatives such as St George’s ‘bone boost’ programme, which cleverly brings together a collection of different services to help educate and treat people with osteoporosis and to research ways to help prevent fractures due to bone fragility.

The move to Foundation Trust status gives the Board more freedom from government control to run programmes like this, and will provide an exciting opportunity for the public to help shape St. George’s future. I would enjoy providing advice and support to the directors, listening to members’ points of view and representing them at meetings. By becoming a governor I would try help ensure that St Georges remains the superb resource we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
I worked first as a merchandiser for a large retail group and then for a City broking firm where I advised insurance companies and pension funds on gilt portfolios and became one of the first female Stock Exchange members. I learned to analyse the economic background, interpret statistics, and help my clients formulate and implement strategy. These analytical and advisory skills would be useful in understanding and interpreting the legal and financial documents involved in governors’ ‘statutory responsibilities’. For the past five years I have been a professional mediator, helping to resolve conflicts for individuals, companies and charities. Some of the skills I have learned trying to resolve disputes – diplomacy, supportive listening, impartiality, patience, creative thinking and persistence – are equally relevant and necessary for a governor. For example, I believe I would be objective and impartial in gathering members’ views, even those which differ from my own; and that I would be diplomatic but determined in representing controversial issues which members believe to be important. My experience might also be useful in helping resolve any conflicts that arise from apportioning resources at times of financial stringency in the NHS.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None
**Dr Stephen Miles**

Everyone who attends St. George’s should leave happy with their treatment. I want to be involved with making that happen.

**Why do you want to be a governor?**

- I have worked in the NHS full-time for over 30 years. I retired in March 2013 but retain a passionate interest in its development and improvement.
- “Patient-centred care” is a buzz-phrase often heard in NHS boardrooms but it is in practice very difficult to deliver.
- I believe the keys to achieving patient-centred care are staff education and engagement, not just of professionals such as doctors and nurses, but of ALL staff.
- The bulk of patient contact occurs with grades of staff who may be poorly paid and minimally trained. Engaging these crucial people is very important in achieving patient-centred care.
- The Board of Governors (representing the public and staff) should actively engage in ensuring the patient experience is the best it can be, and I should like to part of making that happen.

**What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?**

- 1982 - 2007 - A&E Consultant at St Bartholomew’s, the Royal London and Homerton Hospitals.
- 1995 - 2009 - Senior management at Homerton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.
- 1995 - 2009 - Clinical Director in charge of 4 large directorates at Homerton Hospital.
- 1995 - 2009 - Member of the Trust’s Operational Board.
- 2005 - 2011 - Trust Deputy Medical Director and (from 2009) Director of Education.
- 2001 - 2013 - Associate Dean, London Postgraduate Medical and Dental Deanship, reflecting a lifelong interest and involvement in education and training.
- Experienced inspector of hospital performance - I have led or participated in numerous inspections of NHS institutions for the Department of Health, the London Deanery, medical Royal Colleges and others.
- I was elected a shadow Governor of the Trust in November 2013 (at elections which unfortunately have had to be re-run). Since election I have attended a number of Governor induction events and have begun to really get into what goes on at St George’s. I am now a registered volunteer at the trust, with a special interest in participating in the Trust’s Quality Inspections of the services it provides.

**Declaration of Interests:**

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

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**Dr Ali Mohiuddin**

I hope to help patients, their families, carers, workers and local residents get better services and conditions at St. George’s.

**Why do you want to be a governor?**

St. George’s is undergoing a period of rapid growth, change and development. The Trust is currently in the process of gaining Foundation Trust status, where it will become a self-governing organisation. I would like to volunteer my time, experience and skills to represent the interests of patients and local residents in this organisation by becoming a governor.

As a long-term local resident I am whole-heartedly committed to St. George’s and the local community. I have been a regular user of services provided by St. George’s (as a patient, carer, family member and friend) for the better part of four decades. Over this time I have seen both the good and the bad at St. George’s, but thankfully more good than bad. I hope that in a new era as a Foundation Trust we will be able to help steer our hospital to continually improve and thrive, whilst keeping the interest of patients at the core of any decisions.

I have a particular interest in seeing better accessibility to the various services, buildings and facilities provided by St. George’s, especially for those with disabilities. I regularly accompany a family member to St. George’s who is a wheelchair user, so I am well aware of the difficulties experienced by those with mobility issues. I would also like to see better public transport access, along with better and cheaper on-site parking facilities for patients, their families and visitors.

**What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?**

I am frequently at St. George’s and as a long-term local resident, just living a few minutes away in Tooting, I hope to be able to give the necessary time and commitment to be a governor. I have clinical, academic, management and various other experiences gained from across the NHS, non-NHS, university and other organisations. I hope a number of my skills gained over the decades will help in successfully fulfilling the role of a governor. In particular I have the ability to interpret, understand and relay complex information in a simpler manner and the ability to use medical terminology. I am also very observant, often being able to identify issues before they become problems.

I also co-founded and help run Tooting Online, a local online community website for Tooting (~1500 members, thousands more visitors and growing). I have a strong commitment to the local community and get involved in local campaigns and in the relaying of information about local issues. As part of this role I often have to liaise with members of the public, council, police and various other organisations. I hope this experience will help me facilitate the relaying of information about important developments at St. George’s to fellow members of the Trust and the wider public in general.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None  
**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** None
Bi Bi Qureshi

I am a hard working, dedicated and caring person who works as a volunteer for the St George’s Hospital.

Why do you want to be a governor?
Since retirement, I have dedicated my spare time to voluntary work, which I find very rewarding and fulfilling. I particularly enjoy working in the community and health areas.
Presently I am a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for WBC and a Trustee of WBNWA. I have taken part in many Stakeholder Events.
I am a patient representative of Putneyead Medical Surgery and attend meetings with surgery, patient consultative group and West Wandsworth Members Forum. I am a member of Healthwatch. I am a patient representative of Queen Mary’s Hospital.
The role of governor would give me the opportunity to become further involved in the Hospital and share my skills and experience.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
I have been involved in local government for many years. This work has given me a vast range of skills and experience. I was a Chair for seven years for a group called Wandsworth Continence service user group.
My responsibilities included writing the minutes of meetings and agenda, inviting health professionals to the meetings. I was involved in building Queen Mary’s Hospital. I have worked most of my life for different organisations. My first job was a Sales Ledger Clerk. I was promoted to Credit Controller. I was responsible for sending statements to customers and letters for non payment of accounts. I have completed passed an AAT (Accountancy) course.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: None
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Hadi Sahib Hindi

As been traveling round the world through my life, may can promote UK medication system.

Why do you want to be a governor?
Any person living in the UK must involve to serve the people of the Community specially people own experiences in the field known and have them.

What experience and skills do you feel you could bring to the role?
Through my life of more than 75 year old, and several surgery’s, and traveling world wide since been 19 years old for Business and Medication purpose (Public & Private Hospitals) as well Volunteer Director for medical support charity, I find UK needs to bring more medication technology from other Countries, Adding HERBS Medication, in addition to be away from the routines system to save the Fund of the Trust.

Declaration of Interests:
Political Party: Conservative Party
Financial or other interest in the Trust: None