

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS RESULTS

1. INTRODUCTION

Governors will be aware that every year one third of the Public governorships fall due for re-election, along with any vacant seats arising from resignations. In addition, a number of Staff governorships also fall due for re-election. This paper describes the timetable for the current round of elections and the progress to date. The Trust uses an independent specialist firm - Opt2Vote Limited - to conduct the elections.

2. ELECTION TIMETABLE

The timescale for each election is prescribed by the Constitution of the Trust and for the recent round was as follows.

Publication of Notice of Election (3 seats in Newcastle upon Tyne; 3 seats in Northumberland, Tyne & Wear excluding Newcastle; 2 Staff seats – Ancillary & Estates, and Volunteers)	9 th April 2010
Return of Nominations to Opt2Vote Ltd	29 th April 2010
Final day for withdrawal of Nominations	3 rd May 2010
Notice of Poll and voting packs issued	17 th May 2010
Close of Poll	noon of 8 th June 2010
Publication of results	10 th June 2010

3. NOMINATIONS

Nominations were received as follows:

Newcastle upon Tyne (3 seats)	two nominations
Northumberland Tyne & Wear (3 seats)	eight nominations
Ancillary & Estates (1 seat)	one nomination
Volunteers (1 seat)	one nomination.

4. RESULTS

Where there are fewer nominations than seats, candidates are returned unopposed. The number of nominations received for the Newcastle upon Tyne Public seats and the Staff governorships in Ancillary & Estates and Volunteers meant that these candidates were returned unopposed:

Newcastle upon Tyne: Ms Yvonne Cookson
Miss Gwyneth Jones
One vacancy held

Ancillary & Estates: Mr Ray Nuttall

Volunteers: Miss Eleanor Houliston

Voting packs were issued to Members in the Northumberland, Tyne & Wear constituency with effect from 17th May 2010. The elected candidates were:

Mrs Heather Abrahams
Mrs Grace Haigh (re-elected)
Miss Vivienne Hayden.

5. RECOMMENDATION

To note the outcomes of the elections.

Steven Reed
Trust Secretary
8th July 2010