

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS 2011

1. BACKGROUND

Governors will recall the debate at the May and July 2011 meetings regarding a number of problems experienced with both the nominations process and the subsequent ballots for seats in all three Public constituencies and one Staff constituency. Council resolved in May 2011 that an application should be made to Monitor under Rule 55 of the Constitution, seeking to have the elections declared null and void and fresh elections run in their place. As reported at the September 2011 meeting, Monitor determined on 25th August 2011 that the Newcastle upon Tyne and Staff election results should stand but that new elections should be run in the Northumberland Tyne & Wear and Co Durham and Tees Valley constituencies.

2. TIMETABLE

By the closing date of 14th October 2011, nine nominations had been received from Members for the Northumberland etc constituency and seven for the Co Durham etc constituency and hence a ballot was required, there being seven and two seats available in the respective constituencies.

The Notice of Poll was issued on 4th November 2011 and has been posted on the Trust website. A copy is attached, for information. Ballot papers began to be issued on the same date and the poll will close on 2nd December 2011, with the results due to be announced on 5th December.

The timescale for issue and return of ballot papers exceeds the statutory minimum requirement.

Upon final completion of these ballots, the Trust Secretary will conduct a “market test” of election services for 2012 and beyond.

3. RECOMMENDATION

To receive the briefing and note that fresh elections are being held in the two Public constituencies of Northumberland Tyne & Wear and Co Durham and Tees Valley.

Steven Reed
Trust Secretary
9th November 2011

ELECTION

Friday 2nd December 2011

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust

NOTICE OF POLL **Election to the Council of Governors 2011** **for The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

It is hereby declared that an election to the Council of Governors is to be held for the following Constituencies:

7 Governors from the following Public Constituency:

Constituency 2: Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Strategic Health Authority Area (excluding Newcastle)	ATKINSON Peter
	HARVEY Maurice
	KITT Iain
	MARKS Albert
	McKINNON Dr Duncan
	NARU JP Paramjit
	THOMPSON Derek
	VENABLES Christopher
WYRES Fred	

2 Governors from the following Public Constituency:

Constituency 3: Co Durham and Tees Valley SHA area and Cumbria and Lancashire SHA area and Beyond	ARMSTRONG Ethel
	BRIGGS Paul
	HARRISON David
	JOHNSON Dr Alan G.M
	McDONALD Laurie James
	MOWBRAY Geoffrey
	SAUNDERS Rev. Dr Michael

Ballot papers will be distributed to all qualifying members on 3rd November 2011. Completed ballot papers must be received by (OPT2VOTE Ltd), at the address below no later than Noon on Friday 2nd December 2011.

Any inquiries about replacement ballot papers should be directed by telephone to the Returning Officer on 02871 371111 no later than Friday 25th November 2011.

The contact address for each of these candidates is c/o The Returning Officer, OPT2VOTE Ltd, 25D Bishop Street, Londonderry, BT48 6PR.

Telephone Number: 02871 31111
Email: nhsft@opt2vote.com
Dated: 4th November 2011

Returning Officer
OPT2VOTE Ltd
25d Bishop Street
Londonderry
BT48 6PR