

Eligibility Criteria Information Sheet

In order to stand for election as a Governor on our Council, according to our Constitution, please note that you must:

- you must be a member of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (as you have received this letter, it means you are already a member)
- you must be at least 16 years of age
- public, patient and carer Governors must live in the constituency in which they wish to stand*
- candidates for a staff Governor seat must work for the Trust on a permanent contract or on a fixed term contract of 12 months or more

* In order to be eligible to be a member of the Patient and Carer Constituency, you have to have attended the hospital within 10 years prior to your application to become a member.

The following **MAY NOT** become or continue as a member of the Council of Governors:

- a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or whose estate has been sequestrated and (in either case) has not been discharged;
- a person in relation to whom a moratorium period under a debt relief order applies (under Part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986);
- a person who has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, their creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it; or
- a person who within the preceding five years has been convicted in the British Islands of any offence if a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) was imposed on them.

Further provisions as to the circumstances in which an individual may not become or continue as a member of the Council of Governors are set out in Annex 6 of the Constitution below.

[Further provisions as to eligibility to be a Governor](#)

In addition to paragraph 15 of the constitution, a person may not become or continue as a Governor if:

- they are not a member of the Trust;
- in the case of a public Governor, or patient and carer Governor, or staff Governor they cease to be a member of the constituency or class of constituency from which they were elected;
- they have been required to notify the police of their name and address as a result of being convicted or cautioned under the Sex Offenders Act or other relevant legislation or their name appears on the Protection of Children Act List;
- they are the spouse, partner, parent, child of, or occupant of the same household as, a member of the Trust Board or the Council of Governors of the Trust;
- they are a member of a local authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee covering health matters;
- they are an executive or non-executive director of the Trust;
- they are a Governor, non-executive director (including the chair) or, executive director (including the chief executive officer) of another Health Service Body, unless they are appointed by an appointing organisation which is a Health Service Body or the Chair agrees to them becoming, or continuing as, a Governor of the Trust;

- they have within the preceding two years been dismissed, otherwise than by reason of redundancy or ill health, from any paid employment with a Health Service Body;
- they are a person whose tenure of office as a Chair or as a member or director of a Health Service Body has been terminated on the grounds that their appointment is not in the interests of the health service, for non-attendance at meetings, or for non-disclosure of a pecuniary interest;
- they have previously been removed as a Governor pursuant to paragraph 5 of Annex 6;
- they have previously been removed by as a Governor from another NHS foundation trust by resolution of the Council of Governors of that NHS foundation trust;
- they lack capacity within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of a Governor;
- they are the subject of a disqualification order made under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986;
- they have had their name removed from a list maintained under regulations pursuant to sections 91, 106, 123, or 146 of the 2006 Act, or the equivalent lists maintained by Local Health Boards in Wales under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, and they have not subsequently had their name included in such a list; or
- they have failed to repay (without good cause) any amount of monies properly owed to the Trust.

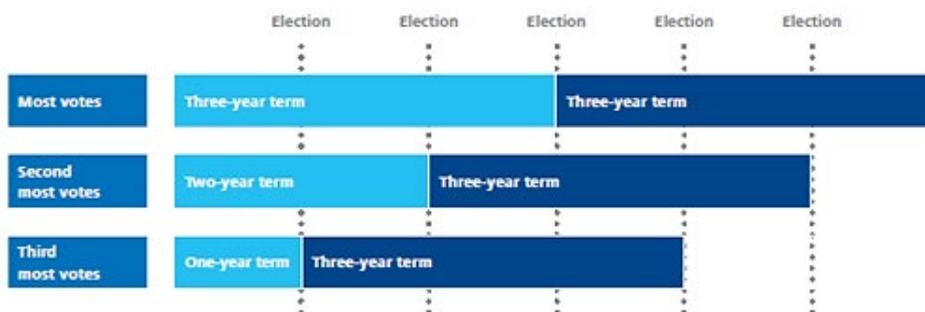
Governor tenure

- An elected governor may hold office for a period of up to 3 years.
- The maximum aggregate term of office for any elected governor or appointed Governor is six years.

Phasing of elections

On 24 July 2018, the Council of Governors at GOSH agreed to amend the classes of Governor constituencies and implement the phasing of elections. This was to ensure there is a gradual turnover of Governors, retaining experience, providing for succession planning going forward and ensuring good corporate governance.

At these elections only, Governors' terms will be amended to either one, two or three years, based on the number of votes received during that election. Subsequent elections will then be for full three-year terms, with elections held annually. This phasing of elections will reduce the risk that the Council loses its organisational memory at each three-yearly election. The diagram below shows this.



Staff Governors' terms will also be affected by phasing. At the next election only, the two staff Governors with the highest number of votes will receive three year terms, the 3rd and 4th highest polling candidates will receive two year terms and the 5th highest will receive a one year term.

Get in touch

You can contact the Stakeholder Engagement Manager directly if you have any questions about eligibility or would like more information about the elections. Please email: foundation@gosh.nhs.uk