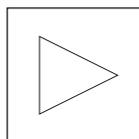


# CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

## Election to the Council of Governors Public: Blackpool

Please read carefully before casting your vote.



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## Jeannette Beckett



I live in the Norbreck area and have an attachment to Blackpool since 1985. I commenced my career as a Child Health Clerk in Stockport from 1970 – 1974, before starting my family and, returning to Child Health in Manchester in 1992, I eventually aspired to Head of Service Child Health Manager and Child Health Computer System Manager.

I have 23 years' experience working with parents, GP's, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Paediatricians, Hospitals, Child Protection Teams and Education. I worked with a national group enhancing and updating the Parent Child Health Record (little red book) including training programmes for users. I managed the administration of a major immunisation campaign offering measles and reubella to school children in Manchester liaising with services involved and reporting results to the DOH.

I attended multi agency serious case reviews following unexpected child deaths, writing action plans and training strategies in an effort to prevent future tragedies.

I also developed child health working procedures for staff setting review dates and training schedules.

I am a qualified NVQ Internal Verifier for administration and ECDL qualified and I encouraged my staff to accomplish NVQ and ECDL as part of their personal development plan.

I believe my experience in childrens services and my passion for the NHS makes me an ideal Public Governor candidate for the Blackpool constituency to compliment the working of Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

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## Beverley Clark



Hello, I live in Blackpool running a small B&B with my husband. I have been a registered nurse, social worker and lecturer but now do a cracking full English.

During this my first term of office, I have always attempted to put the welfare of patients and staff at the centre of the Governors meetings. I have attended most meetings as an active member, served on committees and helped carry out patient safety inspections. Last year I was part of a focus group, planning governor training. This training was rolled out in January 2019 and will be mandatory for all new governors.

When I first wrote my election statement 3 years ago, I stated that my aim was to form an advice and support group for local people affected by osteoporosis. My colleague and I worked together, with support from management at BVH and under the guidance of the Royal Osteoporosis Society. We have had our first 2 meetings, both meeting were well attended and more are planned for this year and next. This joint initiative was recently praised in the House of Commons.

These are challenging times and there is a need for governors to face issues at BVH as and when they arise. As governors we can help by listening to patients and staff and speaking up for change.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Labour

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

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## Graham Curry



The NHS is under more scrutiny than ever. Since the Francis enquiry it is vitally important the service is monitored by independent scrutineers.

I have worked for the NHS for 42 years. I have recently retired from the North West Ambulance Service as the sector manager for West Lancashire. During my time at NWAS I was elected as a staff governor. I have gained a lot of experience in this role. It is for this reason I have put myself forward to be considered as a candidate.

I feel that I have the capability to represent the people of Blackpool. I have a great deal of knowledge of how foundation trusts operate and have a great deal of experience in trust board matters. I have had training in audit and governance. I am also classed as an expert in my field for the care quality commission.

I am also a volunteer at the hospital in two different roles. I am a member of the hospital influence panel and I am one of the radio presenters on the hospitals radio station Bay Trust Radio.

I am truly passionate about our Hospital here at Blackpool and if I am successful I promise to fulfil my role to best of my ability which will exceed all expectations.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

**Financial or other interest in the Trust:** I am a member of the trust influence panel

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## Zacky Hameed



I thank you for electing me as a Governor for the past six years.

Personally, I have worked as a lecturer in Lancashire and abroad, and had my own business in Blackpool for the last 34 years.

I am continuously alert to what is going on in Blackpool and how it effects the lives of the local population.

My prime concern is the welfare of patients, staff and volunteers. It is fascinating to understand their roles, sometimes the unexpected demands and how dedicated they are to work ethics.

I have sat on several committees, participated in Ward visits, and highlighted several concerns.

My knowledge (from a medical background) and skills, and focused commitment as an active Governor will influence the Trust in delivering the best for our patients.

I promote the voice of the public, trust members and staff to be heard. A Governors role is to reflect on all appropriate matters and challenge this with the NEDs to ensure they challenge the Board of Directors.

I will strive hard to:

- Recruit locally and train a continuous supply of care assistants, nurses etc. at local colleges.
- To reinforce training of existing staff to the highest standards of performance.
- Inculcate care and compassion to be second nature.
- To uphold equality and diversity.
- Transparency in all decisions.
- Sustainability and economic use of resources.

I will be honoured to be elected to become the eyes and ears for my community for the final term, if I may!

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

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## Stephen Holmes



Dear elector,

My purpose in standing for the position of Trust Governor in this ballot is to hold the management of local health services, in all areas, to greater levels of accountability.

I strongly believe that our National Health Service is the greatest asset that we as a nation possess, and as such, I hold the view that we must do all in our power to protect and enhance it at every given opportunity.

In recent years, the Trust has been forced to deliver vital services to its population with greatly reduced resources from central government. I believe that it is therefore vital that we ensure maximum efficiency of those funds which are committed to us. With this goes accountability. I am a firm believer that services are best provided by the NHS itself and that public money should not find its way into the coffers of large corporate firms who seek to profit from illness. If elected, I would fight for the return of all major services, such as cleaning and others, to be returned in-house where they would be managed and delivered by valued NHS-employed staff.

I have considerable experience of working within the Trust, having retired in 2016 after 34 years' service with the organisation including employment relations. Being elected as a Governor would, I feel, allow me to put to good use the experience I gained as an employee with this great organisation. If elected, I pledge wholeheartedly that I will deliver greater accountability.

**Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** The Labour Party

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

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## Heather O'Hara



I have been a Public Governor for the past 3 years; and I would like to continue in this role as I believe I bring a logical and fair view to issues from the perspective of both a patient and lay person.

During this first term of office I have attended many meetings and have always attempted to ensure that patients and staff welfare is the main focus in any issues. I am a member of the finance committee, my training and experience as a qualified accountant enable me to understand and play an active role regarding the working of hospital finance; I am also a member of the PLACE committee, this ensures that issues raised in the hospital environment are dealt with.

Together with a colleague and fellow governor we approached Hospital management to request assistance in setting up a support and advice group for people with Osteoporosis. Under the guidance of the Royal Osteoporosis Society and support from the Hospital, we have now had our second meeting, both of which were well attended. The figures from these events show it to be a much needed resource. More meetings are planned going forward and we have also been commended in the House of Commons for the initiative.

I believe that my life experience, together with the experience gained from this first 3 years as a governor, will enable me to be a conscientious governor working with integrity for the good of the hospital community and patients.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** Labour Party

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

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## Lisa Robins



My career in Health and Social Care started 20 years ago. My background has predominantly been managing specialist Dementia care services in the Blackpool and Fylde areas. I am registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide care services to the elderly which is delivered to a very high standard. I strongly believe that quality Dementia care should mean that residents live a meaningful life with a person centred approach from all staff.

I am an experienced people manager who is passionate about the coaching and progression of staff to improve their skills and knowledge in order to achieve their developmental aspirations and goals. I strive to inspire my team to be the best they can be and look to succession plan internally for those individuals who are the nursing and care staff of the future.

I feel my relevant knowledge and experience in the health and social care sector is valuable and could be used to strengthen the foundations and strategic development of the Trust. I have a vast amount of experience in working with local community neighbourhoods and regularly attend provider meetings at Blackpool Council, actively engaging in projects. I am keen to share best practice to support other local providers, hence my reason for this application. I have a genuine passion for being part of the improvement and development of Blackpool teaching hospitals.

### **Declaration of Interests:**

**Political Party:** None

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

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## Paul Scarr



I have worked within the NHS for over 30 years, in various roles at several major teaching hospitals as an Operating Department practitioner. During my employment I have gained a great understanding of the spectrum of care the NHS provides, not only as a staff member but also as a patient. Along the way, I have been privileged to have contributed to the improvements of the services for the acutely ill patients and staff alike. I am a strong advocate for the NHS. During my time working in the NHS, I have become quite aware of the limitations and problems inherent in the system of care. At times when I have been patient within the service, I have always been treated with dignity, care and respect. In voting for me, I would like to be able to ensure that all current and future patients experience good quality care as I have in the past. I want to ensure that the voice of the patients, families, associates, carers, advocates and members are always included in the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and that the

Trust continues to deliver the highest possible quality care. 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