

## **Council of Governors**

### **Publicly elected governors as at July 2021**

#### **Calder and Ryburn Valleys**

##### **Peter Bamber** *Elected July 2021*



Peter was a Consultant Anaesthetist at CHFT from 1991 until his retirement in 2021. Since retirement he has become an accredited Humanist Funeral Celebrant.

Peter was a staff governor for four years at CHFT for the doctors and dentists group. He brings to the Council of Governors a wealth of knowledge from both his medical career and his previous experience as a governor.

As a publicly elected governor Peter wishes to represent the concerns of his local constituency and aims to help our hospitals and community services to continue to be the best they can be for the people they serve.

##### **Gina Choy** *Elected July 2021*



Gina brings her experience of working for the NHS as a midwife to the Council of Governors. Gina also has experience as a midwifery teacher, a SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and as a Childline Counsellor.

Now retired Gina plans to use her time as a governor to support the NHS by hearing about the issues first-hand and helping to find solutions to ensure the best use of public funds.

She sees the role of governor as a means to ensure that the voices of the public are not only heard but are reflected in the way that services are provided and where the budget is spent.

## Huddersfield Central

### **Robert Markless**

*Elected July 2021*



Robert moved to Huddersfield from London where he had been a Governor of Kingston Hospital. He also had experience on the Board of the local Health Authority and as Vice-Chair of Kingston Primary Care Trust as well as in the voluntary sector, which he sees as an important partner in supporting patients.

Prior to the COVID pandemic Robert volunteered at HRI, regularly bringing his dog Daisy into the hospital to meet patients, their families and staff as a “Pets as Therapy” dog. He looks forward to restarting as soon as possible.

As a governor, Robert aims to use his knowledge and experience to help CHFT to achieve its mission to always put patients first regardless of their background.

### **Christine Mills**

*First elected July 2018*

*Re-elected July 2021*



Christine is now retired but was previously a School Administrator. Christine also served as a Huddersfield/Kirklees Magistrate for twenty years.

Having been successfully re-appointed in July 2021, Christine is now in her second term as a governor. She wants to continue to be an active governor on the various committees and projects she has been involved with so far, and to work alongside her fellow governors to ensure that they fulfil their duty to hold the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Trust.

## South Huddersfield

### **Isaac Dziya** *Elected July 2021*



Isaac has experience of partnership working and has participated in robust governance frameworks relating to flood risk management and assurance leading to community resilience.

Isaac is passionate about making a difference and promoting equality across the health sector, and in the governor role, will work creatively and innovatively to drive change internally and externally.

Isaac brings experience in governance related issues to the role of governor, and he has navigated challenging fields to achieve a number of fellowships which he believes will stand him in good stead in the role.

## Vacancy

## North Kirklees

### **Veronica Woollin** *First elected September 2016* *Re-elected July 2019*



Veronica brings her experience in nursing and teaching to the role of governor. Veronica is now retired having previously worked in the NHS as a nurse before becoming a Lecturer in Health and Social Care at Kirklees College.

Veronica became a governor as she was keen to stay involved in the delivery of Health and Social Care in her locality and still have some input into issues affecting the community.

As a governor, Veronica holds to account the Non-Executive Directors. She represents her community within the Trust and Veronica feels that this is important during the debate on reconfiguration and during the COVID pandemic.

## Vacancy

## Skircoat and Lower Calder Valley

### Stephen Baines – Lead Governor

*First elected September 2016*

*Re-elected July 2019*



Stephen was an Accounts Office Manager before he took early retirement in 2009. Stephen was elected as a Councillor on Calderdale Council in 1990 and is currently the Councillor for the Northowram and Shelf ward.

Stephen became a governor in 2016 as he had a keen interest in the proposed investment in Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and Calderdale Royal Hospital which he believed would result in the provision of excellent medical services for local people.

As a governor Stephen's priority is to ensure that the best possible care is given to everybody who requires treatment and his experience to date is that the Trust does an excellent job in this regard.

### Nicola Whitworth

*Elected July 2021*



Nicola is a former Policy and Partnership Officer for Kirklees Council, and is used to working with a range of agencies including the NHS.

As a stroke survivor, having had a stroke at 43 years old, Nicola has fought hard to get the best quality of life possible. This has made her very aware of the struggles of people with a disability in everyday life.

As a governor, Nicola is keen to ensure that people with a disability, as well as able bodied members of the community, get the best possible care and services available.

## East Halifax and Bradford

### **Peter Bell**

*Elected July 2021*



Peter was a Justice of the Peace in Halifax for 8 years and is an active member of his local Methodist Chapel where he has been heavily involved in fund raising events.

Peter feels he is a good communicator which makes him able to interact with people on all levels – he believes this skill will be useful to him in his role as a governor.

Peter has been a Trust member for a number of years and he is a regular user of the Trust's services, both as an inpatient and outpatient. He feels this will enable him to bring the patient's perspective to the Council of Governors.

## **Vacancy**

## North and Central Halifax

### **Chris Matejak**

*Elected July 2021*



Chris has lived in the constituency in which he has been elected all his life and, having been a patient at CHFT on numerous occasions, he appreciates the excellent care provided by the Trust.

Chris is passionate about patient centred care and with over 10 years' experience in the healthcare recruitment industry he has a good insight into the excellent services that healthcare professionals provide.

As a governor, Chris is keen to highlight issues around men's mental health, youth services, sexual health and emergency services.

### **Alison Schofield**

*First elected September 2017*

*Re-elected July 2021*



Having previously worked in local government, Alison is now the owner of a small business supporting people with long-term illness or disability to have a better quality of life.

As a powered wheelchair user Alison is passionate about using her life experience in a positive way to empower professionals and enable the NHS structure to meet the needs of all the community, regardless of their abilities, class background or social status.

Having been successfully re-appointed in July 2021, Alison is now in her second term as a governor at CHFT.

## Lindley and the Valleys

### John Gledhill

*Elected July 2019*



John has lived in Lindley for 47 years and has been the publicly elected governor for the constituency since 2019.

John is now retired after a long career as a journalist for the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, where he worked for 45 years. John is a former governor and director of an Academy Trust. John is a director of a Freemasons group which promotes charitable fund-raising.

As a governor John takes a keen interest in the reconfiguration plans at CHFT. He feels he makes a valuable contribution to the Council of Governors, sitting on a number of committees.

### Brian Moore

*Elected July 2021*



Brian lives in Longwood, Huddersfield. He is retired after being a sales manager for 30 years and a CEO of a buying group for the catering industry for 10 years.

Brian has previously served one term as a governor of CHFT and was Lead Governor for a year. He is passionate about the NHS and wants to ensure the Trust continues to perform to the highest standard.

Through his role as a governor, Brian wants to support managers and other staff at the Trust in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. He is also keen to ensure that any plans for reconfiguration at CHFT fully meet the needs of local people.

## Rest of England

Our first election for a governor in this constituency  
will take place soon



## **Council of Governors**

### **Elected staff governors as at July 2021**

#### **Doctors/Dentists**

##### **Sandeep Goyal**

*Elected July 2021*



Sandeep is an elected staff governor in the Doctors/Dentists staff group. He has worked in the NHS for over 15 years at various levels as a doctor so brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience.

He is currently a speciality doctor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and is also a mortality reviewer.

As a staff governor Sandeep wants to actively participate in decisions that impact colleagues in his staff group and address any issues with colleague welfare, and patient care, in mind.

#### **AHPs/Healthcare Scientists/Pharmacists**

##### **Sally Robertshaw**

*Elected 2019*



Sally is a Clinical Lead outpatient physiotherapist specialising in lower limbs and has worked for the Trust for her entire career – 30 years in 2021!

Sally has always been interested in the bigger picture of the Trust and is keen to contribute through her role as a staff governor. She believes that keeping patients at the heart of what we do and supporting our staff are key priorities alongside fairness, equality and inclusion.

Allied Health professionals are the third largest workforce in the NHS. The breadth of skills and perspectives that they collectively offer are of significant value to the organisation and Sally is proud to represent Allied Health professionals within the Council of Governors.



## Admin/Clerical/Managerial

### Emma Kovaleski

*Elected July 2021*



Emma is the elected staff governor for the Admin/Clerical/Managerial staff group. She is a community based Project Development Manager by background, having spent over 20 years working within not for profit and third sector organisations. Emma has been Charity Manager at CHFT since 2019.

Emma is passionate about patient and colleague experience and committed to ensuring the Trust continues to support patients, their families, colleagues and communities.

Emma describes herself as committed, hardworking, approachable and adaptable. She is looking forward to fulfilling her role as a governor and brings to the role exposure to and engagement with a wide range of patients, members of our communities and colleagues.

## Ancillary

### Jo Kitchen

*Elected July 2021*



Jo is an elected staff governor in the Ancillary staff group, which incorporates HCAs, healthcare support workers, housekeepers and nursing associates amongst others.

Jo has worked for the NHS for a number of years, with the majority of them at CHFT. Jo is currently working within the Children's Diabetes Team as a Patient Advocate, a unique role which she finds very rewarding, as she describes herself as a 'people person'.

Jo has completed a QI project within her team which has resulted in some positive changes for the service. As a staff governor, she wishes to build on this experience and help the Trust as a whole to improve and move forward.

## Nurses/Midwives

### **Liam Stout**

*Elected July 2021*



Liam is an elected staff governor in the Nurses/Midwives staff group. He is currently a full time nurse in advanced clinical practice at CHFT.

Liam is passionate about maintaining the high standards of professional training at the Trust and as a staff governor he wants to actively support the development of his colleagues. He feels he has the passion, determination and ability to drive changes that the Trust can make to better his colleagues' professional lives and the exceptional care that they provide to our patients.

Liam brings to the staff governor role an understanding of the ward and operating theatre level challenges that face professionals daily. He is looking forward to being a representative of his staff group on the Council of Governors and will take the time to listen and act on any issues that anyone wishes to present.

### **Jason Sykes**

*Elected July 2021*



Jason is also an elected staff governor in the Nurses/Midwives staff group. He has over 25 years' service in the health and social care sectors and nursing profession and has a background in developing and improving services in the UK, Asia and the Middle East. He is currently a Charge Nurse on the Acute Floor.

As a staff governor Jason is keen to support the Trust in its development of high quality service provision for the diverse needs of the Calderdale and Huddersfield communities it serves.

Jason is looking forward to being in a position to influence and champion real changes that will make a difference to people's lives, putting local people and the Trust's workforce at the heart of local healthcare provision and enabling them to have a say in the development of services.

## Council of Governors Appointed governors



**Joanne Garside**



**Chris Reeve**



**Megan Swift**





**Karen Huntley**



**Vacant**



**Lesley Warner**





**Salma Yasmeen**

**NHS**  
**South West Yorkshire Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust