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## Governor Election Special Edition

## Chair's welcome



Dear Foundation Trust Members,  
Although I will be retiring at the end of December 2024, I am still delighted to be able to present you with details of our upcoming Governor election, as well as introduce you to our incoming Chair, Professor Mike Thomas, who will take up the role from 1 January 2025.

Our election to the Council of Governors is an important date in the

Trust calendar, and I'm pleased to say that nominations for the public constituency open on Monday 6 January 2025. Becoming a Governor not only gives you the opportunity to have your say on the Trust's performance and forward plan, but you can help influence developments in healthcare needs and be a representative of our Trust, local community and wider system. It's an exciting time to become a Public Governor!

My successor, Mike and our Chief Executive, Professor Silas Nicholls, will be able to work alongside you. We are keen to strength relationships between Governors and the Board as you have an important part to play in helping people understand our core programmes of work, particularly around our financial recovery and overall improvement agenda. You will also take part in exciting developments such as the New Hospitals Programme. There are six Governor vacancies available within the public constituency with the deadline for nominations closing at 5pm on Monday 3 February 2025.

Please do take a moment to look through this short publication to help you consider whether becoming a Governor is for you. Don't miss out on your chance to represent the interests and views of our local communities!

Wishing you well for the future,

**Peter White**  
Chair



Dear Foundation Trust Members,  
I am delighted to be able to get an opportunity to speak to you ahead of my appointment as Chair of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which will begin in January 2025.

As a provider of tertiary services across Lancashire and South Cumbria, the Trust has a vital role to play both now and, in the years ahead, as we

undertake a transformation of our system-wide clinical and community services. I am looking forward to working closely with Silas, Board members, colleagues and our Governors to ensure that we achieve our full potential.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the significant contribution of our current Chair, Peter White. He has been a great advocate for us and a source of much valued support to me, the rest of the Board and our Governors during a period of significant challenge. Whilst following in his footsteps will be a great feat, I am sure with Governors and fantastic colleagues by my side, I will be able to deliver our priorities and objectives.

Please do take the time to look through this pack if you are considering becoming a Governor, and I look forward to meeting you in the new year.

Best wishes,

**Prof. Mike Thomas**

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## Why become a Governor?

How would you like to be the voice for your community and have the chance to make a difference?

Do you believe that the views of members should be heard at every level of the Trust, and think that you would be able to understand and share these views with the Council and Board of Directors?

Governors are essential in making sure that the views of our wider community are considered in providing and developing our hospital services.

The most important thing you will need to be one of our Governors is enthusiasm for the role, rather than any specific skills or knowledge.

You should care about our patients, staff and the services the Trust provides, and you should wish to bring the knowledge and experience of members into discussions and decisions about the direction of the Trust.

All Governors have a vital role to play, and the role should be satisfying and challenging.

## The role of a Governor

The Governor role provides an opportunity for members to have a voice.

As a Governor, you will inform the Council of Governors of members' views and support the Trust Board in understanding the widely held views of members. This could be on topics such as patient experience and/or quality of services.

The role of the Governor does not duplicate the work of other staff representatives (e.g. Trade Union representatives or professional bodies) and Governors do not deal with specific individual issues for the public such as complaints which are dealt with by formal staff representatives. It is about listening to public feedback and keeping abreast of feedback themes.

To find out more and if it is right for you then come along to our virtual prospective governor information workshops.

You will get a chance to hear from Electoral Reform Services about the election process, followed by two opportunities to learn more about the role and the expectation of a governor, meet existing governors, and hear about how you can make a difference.

The workshops will be held on:

**Tuesday 14 January 2025:** 10–11am via MS Teams.

At this workshop Electoral Reform Services will outline the election process

**Tuesday, 21 January 2025:** 1.30–2.30pm,

Meeting Room 1, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital

**Tuesday 28 January 2025:** 3–4pm, Seminar Room C,

Education Centre 3, Chorley and South Ribble Hospital

To book your place on the virtual workshop or for any further information, please email [corporateaffairs@LHTR.nhs.uk](mailto:corporateaffairs@LHTR.nhs.uk) or call **01772 522647** and leave your contact details (please state your name and telephone number) and arrangements will be made to send joining instructions to your calendar.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, we strongly advise booking a place on the workshops.

## We need your email address

We aim to ensure that as much money as possible is spent directly on patient care.

Did you know that it costs approximately £3,500 to print and post Trust Matters to our membership?

That's why we are urging members who have an email address to contact the Membership Office and change their communication preference to email rather than post. In order to reduce costs any member who has previously provided us with an email address in the past will now automatically receive all future correspondence (with the exception of ballot papers) via email unless they specifically contact us to state otherwise.

If you would like to provide the Membership Office with an email address or you would like to clarify the communication preference you selected upon becoming a member then please contact the Membership Office on **01772 522647** or email: [corporateaffairs@lhtr.nhs.uk](mailto:corporateaffairs@lhtr.nhs.uk)

# Our current Council of Governors



**Will Adams**  
Appointed Governor



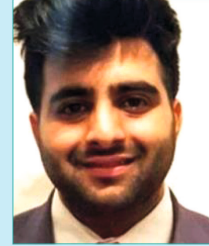
**Alistair Bradley**  
Appointed Governor



**Nigel Garratt**  
Appointed Governor



**Eddie Pope**  
Appointed Governor



**Suleman Sarwar**  
Appointed Governor



**Pav Akhtar**  
Public Governor



**Takhin Akhtar**  
Public Governor



**David Blanchflower**  
Public Governor



**Sheila Brennan**  
Public Governor



**Phil Curwen**  
Public Governor



**Margaret France**  
Public Governor



**Graham Fullarton**  
Public Governor



**Steve Heywood**  
Public Governor



**Angela Kos**  
Public Governor



**Janet Miller**  
Public Governor



**Christine Pownall**  
Public Governor



**Graham Robinson**  
Public Governor



**Frank Robinson**  
Public Governor



**Mike Simpson**  
Public Governor



**Feixia Yu**  
Public Governor



**Chooi Oh**  
Staff Governor



**Lesley Purcell**  
Staff Governor



**Tom Ramsay**  
Staff Governor

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## How much time will being a Governor take up?

It is expected that Governors commit to attend the following each year:

- Four formal Council of Governors meetings
- Informal Council Workshops and joint development sessions with the Board of Directors
- Governor Subgroup meetings
- Annual Members' Meeting
- Ongoing training and development

A Corporate and Governor Calendar is produced each year and for the year 2024/25 has been published on the Trust's website.

Scan here for the 2024/25 Corporate calendar



## Support, Training and Induction Programme for Governors

The Trust recognises the important role of Governors and will support them to work effectively.

The Office of the Company Secretary works closely with Governors to provide them with access to administrative resources and information.

The Office of the Company Secretary will be the first point of contact and support for the Governors.

All Governors are expected to attend an induction programme which will assist Governors in carrying out their role.

It is mandatory for all new Governors to participate in the induction programme. All Governors are expected to adhere to the Trust's policies and procedures and will be bound by the Trust's Code of Conduct for Governors.

Specific issues relating to confidentiality must be adhered to as defined in the Constitution.





## How do I stand for election?

If you are interested in standing for election, an information pack and nomination form can be obtained from the Returning Officer from Monday 6 January 2025.

URL: [www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024](http://www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024)

Email: [lth@cesvotes.com](mailto:lth@cesvotes.com)

Telephone: **020 8889 9203**

Text: **2FT LT** and your name and address to **88802**

Post: Electoral Reform Services, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW

Don't delay – the deadline for completed nomination forms is **5pm on Monday 3 February 2025**

## The Nomination Form

The nomination form is only short and will have space for prospective Governors to write a short statement (50 words) about why you think you should be selected. You will also have 200 words to describe what skills and experience you believe you can bring to the role.

The information supplied by candidates is published and will accompany a ballot paper, should the seat be contested.

A full hints and tips guide, together with resource pack is available online here: [www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024](http://www.cesvotes.com/LTH2024)

We will not alter or correct your statement in any way. It will be reproduced word-for-word so remember to check it carefully. Any statements of longer than the maximum word count are stopped at the maximum, even if this ends mid-sentence.

The nominations process will close on Monday 3 February 2025 and all nominations will then be validated prior to publication.

## The Election Timetable

Notice of Election / nomination open

**Monday 6 January 2025**

Webinar: Election process workshop (hosted by Civica) **Tuesday 14 January 2025**

Election Workshop in person (Royal Preston Hospital) **Tuesday 21 January 2025**

Election Workshop in person (Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital) **Tuesday 28 January 2025**

Nominations deadline **Monday 3 February 2025**

Voting packs despatched to members **Tuesday 25 February 2025**

Close of election **Thursday 20 March 2025**

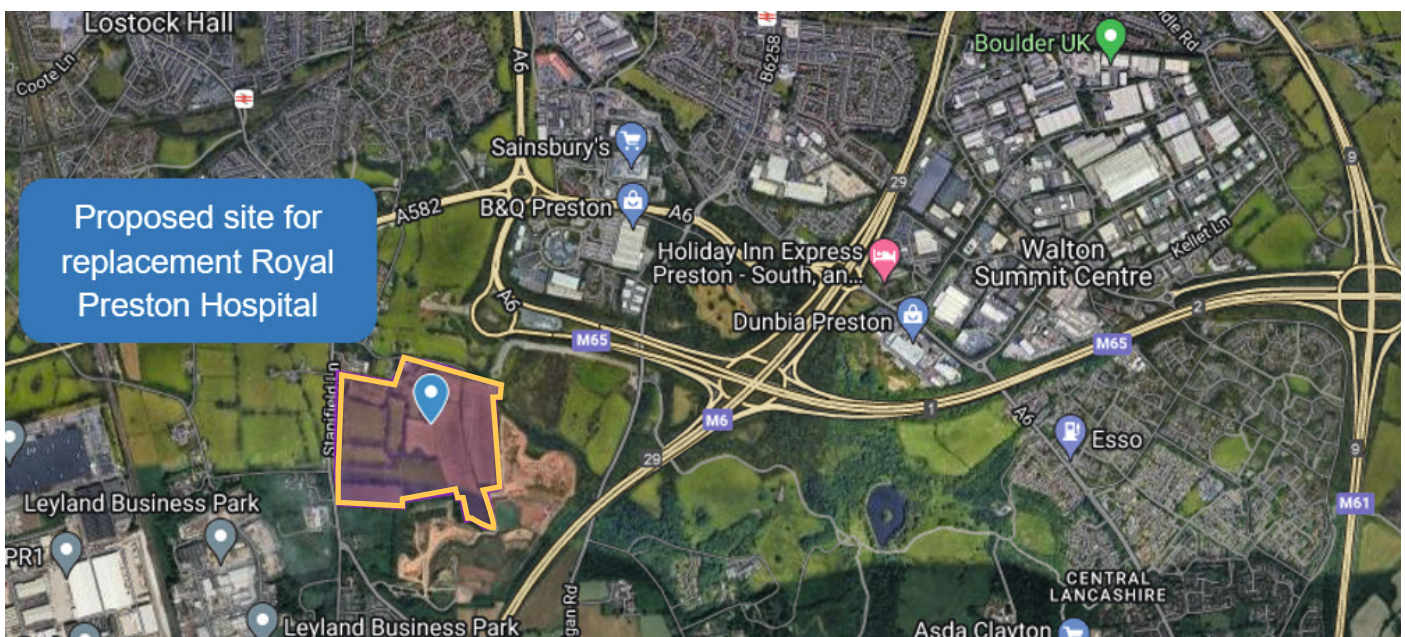
Declaration of results **Friday 21 March 2025**

 **Contact our Corporate Affairs Office**

**Email: [corporateaffairs@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:corporateaffairs@lthtr.nhs.uk)**



## Proposed sites for new hospitals in Lancashire



On Monday 2 December 2024, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals revealed the location of the proposed site for a brand new hospital to replace Royal Preston Hospital (RPH).

**The proposed site for the replacement RPH is land between Stanifield Lane and Wigan Road, south of Stoney Lane in Farington, near to the end of the M65 West.**

A map (above) showing the proposed site for a replacement Royal Preston Hospital. (Credit: Google, 2024).

This is an incredibly exciting step forward in the journey towards cutting-edge health facilities that will benefit patients, communities and NHS colleagues for years to come.

University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust have also announced the proposed location for a new build hospital on a new site to replace Royal Lancaster Infirmary (RLI). The proposed site for the replacement RLI is Bailrigg East, which is situated north of and in close proximity to Lancaster University. Proposals for investment in Furness General Hospital's infrastructure are also in development and will be shared in due course.

Both sites have been secured by the NHS thanks to government funding through the national New Hospital Programme.

The proposed sites have been assessed as being the most suitable in terms of location, size, how people can access them, the existing infrastructure, planning and environmental conditions.

### How can I get involved?

We want to hear about how our proposals for the two new hospitals on new sites would affect you, your family or people you care for.

Your views will help to inform the development of any plans going forward.

While the local NHS has secured the potential new sites, no final decisions have been made. It is important to emphasise that any such decision would be subject to full public consultation at a later date.

Look out for news about the launch of public engagement in early 2025. This will include public events and a survey to understand people's views on how a change in hospital location might affect them.

The two new hospitals are part of a wider programme of work that is considering how clinical services are configured across all acute hospital sites in Lancashire and South Cumbria to meet the needs of the population in the future in a way that makes the best use of all available resources, with the aim of supporting our communities, bringing jobs, skills and contracts to local businesses and residents.

For more information and to sign up for email news, visit:

at [newhospitals.info/ProposedSites](https://newhospitals.info/ProposedSites)

Join in the conversation on social media:

- Facebook: [@NewHospitalsLSC](https://www.facebook.com/NewHospitalsLSC)
- X: [@NewHospitalsLSC](https://twitter.com/NewHospitalsLSC)
- LinkedIn: [@LSC New Hospitals Programme](https://www.linkedin.com/company/LSC-New-Hospitals-Programme)

## Sarah Cullen appointed as Deputy Chief Executive



Following a number of changes within the Executive team, with both Stephen Dobson, Chief Information Officer and Jonathan Wood, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Executive moving on to new roles within the Lancashire and South Cumbria healthcare system, Sarah Cullen was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive until 31 March 2025.

Sarah is an experienced Executive and has been our Chief Nursing Officer for

over five years, a post she will continue to hold. She has a passion for patient safety and the reduction of health inequalities within our own Trust and the wider system. This will help ensure the balancing of our priorities at a time when much of the focus of our system is on finance. Sarah is closely networked into the work of our community, local authority and other partners and is driving forward how we can work better together for our communities.

Jennifer Foote will undertake the role of Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) as part of her duties, with her job title changing from Company Secretary to Director of Corporate Affairs.

Congratulations to both!

## Dates for your diary 2025

The Corporate Calendar can be viewed on our website

[lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/corporate-calendar](http://lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/corporate-calendar)

### Annual Members' Meeting

Thursday 25 Sept 2025	2pm–4pm	Venue to be confirmed
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### Board of Directors' Meetings

Thursday 3 April 2025	1pm–6pm	Lecture Room 3, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital
Tuesday 3 June 2025	1pm–6pm	Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Thursday 7 August 2025	1pm–6pm	Lecture Hall, Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Thursday 2 October 2025	1pm–6pm	Lecture Room 1, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital

### Council of Governors' Meetings

Thursday 24 April 2025	1pm–4pm	Lecture Room 3, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital
Tuesday 22 July 2025	10am–1pm	Lecture Hall, Education Centre 3, Chorley & South Ribble Hospital
Thursday 30 October 2025	1pm–4pm	Lecture Room 1, Education Centre 1, Royal Preston Hospital

Members are welcome to observe the public section of both the Council of Governors' and Board of Directors' meetings to listen to Governors and Board Members discussing Trust business.

Council of Governors' meetings are held four times per year and members of the public are welcome to observe virtually.

Please note that meeting dates may occasionally be subject to change.

Please email [company.secretary@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:company.secretary@lthtr.nhs.uk) if you would like to observe any of the meetings.

All public events are advertised on our website: [www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk)

To view **TRUST Matters** online go to: [www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/trust-matters](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/trust-matters)

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