

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust Election to the Council of Governors

9 May 2022

Dear Member

We will shortly be holding elections to our Council of Governors. As a member of our Trust you have an important role to play in ensuring that our Governors are truly representative of the people we serve.

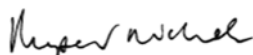
We are now asking you to think about standing for election as a Governor and to get ready to vote for your preferred Governor in the elections. Governors are asked to contribute their passion and enthusiasm to our work, whilst holding the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board and contributing their views and ideas on the Trust's strategy and plans.

This leaflet tells you more about the role of Governor and what to do if you would like to stand for election.

Elections are taking place in the Public Constituencies of Bolton (1 vacancy), Salford (2 vacancies), Trafford (1 vacancy), City of Manchester (2 vacancies), Wigan (2 vacancies) and Other England and Wales (1 vacancy), as well as in the constituency of Service User and Carer (1 vacancy).

If you would like to stand for election you can find details of how to request a nomination form on the back page of this leaflet. Whether you decide to stand for election or not I hope that when the time comes you will use your vote to make sure our Council has the best possible support from members of the Trust.

Best wishes



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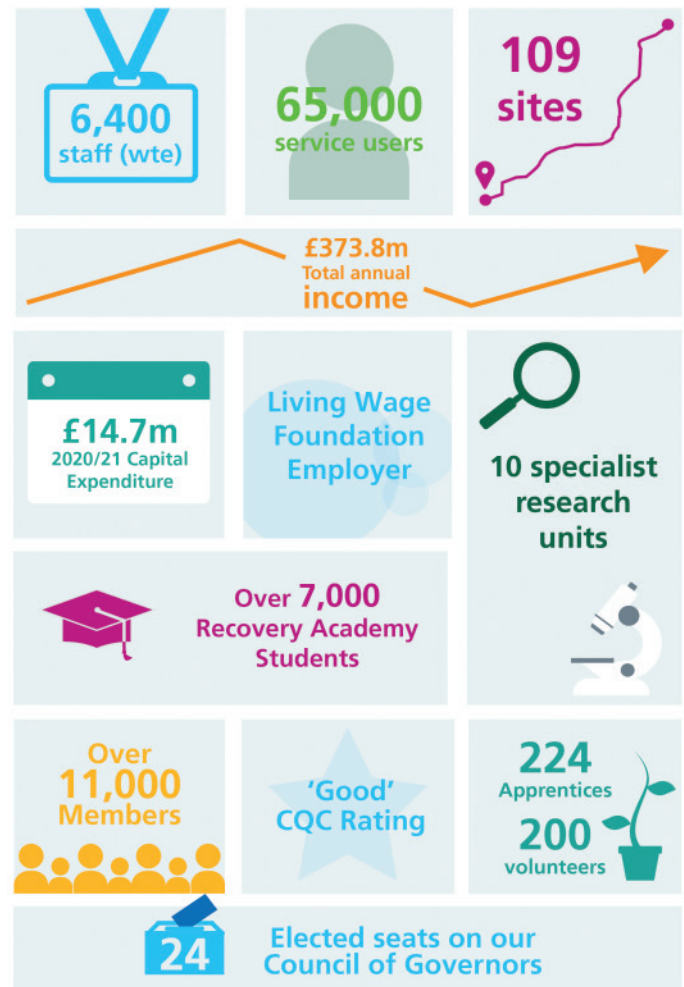
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About Us

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH) provides inpatient and community-based mental health care for people living in the cities of Manchester and Salford and the boroughs of Bolton, Trafford and Wigan, and a wide range of specialist mental health and addiction services across Greater Manchester, the north west of England and beyond. We also provide Health and Justice Services in a number of custodial settings.

The business of GMMH is managed by a Board of Directors. The Board work closely with the Council of Governors, who provide local accountability by representing the interests of members and partner organisations. The Trust's performance is scrutinised by the Foundation Trust regulator, NHS Improvement, and the Care Quality Commission.

We employ over 6,400 members of staff and deliver services from 109 locations. In a 12-month period we expect to meet the needs of around 65,000 service users.



Figures correct as at end of 2020/21

The role of Governor in our Trust

The role of the Council of Governors is to gain assurance on behalf of the Membership and the public, with regard to the organisations performance, with a particular focus on service quality.

The role and responsibilities of the Council of Governors, is defined by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the preceding 2006 Act:

- Governors represent the interests of members and the public
- Governors have express statutory duties to hold Non Executive Directors individually and collectively to account
- Governors can require Directors to attend a Council meeting to obtain information on performance of the Trust
- Significant transactions have to be signed off by 50% of Governors voting

- Mergers/Acquisitions/Dissolutions need the support of over 50% of all Governors
- Governors express a view on the Board of Directors' forward plans
- Governors approve the appointment of the Chief Executive
- Governors appoint and remove Trust Auditors
- Governors receive and approve the Trust's Annual Reports/Accounts
- Governors appoint, remove and decide the terms of office and remuneration of the Chair and the Non Executive Directors.

It is important to emphasise that the role of Governors is fundamentally different from that of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is responsible for the direct running of the Trust and for the strategic leadership of the whole organisation; assuring high quality performance and delivery of all services.

Can I stand for election?

To be able to stand for election you must:

- ✓ Be a member of the Trust in the constituency for which you wish to be elected (see back page)
- ✓ Be 16 years or older
- ✓ Agree to carry out your duties if elected as a Governor
- ✓ Have read the eligibility criteria that will be sent to you with the nomination pack and made sure that none of them apply to you
- ✓ Complete and return your nomination form, election statement and photo by **5pm on Wednesday, 25 May 2022**.

Election timetable

- **Wednesday, 25 May 2022** Deadline for receipt of completed nominations forms



- **Thursday, 9 June 2022** Ballot packs sent to members of the Trust



- **Monday, 4 July 2022** Voting closes



How can I become a Governor?

There are three simple steps to take to become a Governor:

○ **Make sure you are eligible**

Read the 'Can I stand for election?' box above to check if you would be able to stand for election.

○ **Complete a nomination form**

If you would like to stand for election, register and complete your nomination online at hub.ukevote.uk/gmmh or contact the election administrator (UK Engage) to get a pack by post.

All the contact details you need are on the back page of this leaflet.

We must receive your completed form by:

5.00pm on Wednesday, 25 May 2022

○ **Stand for election**

Then you've done all you can! All Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust members in your constituency will be sent a ballot paper to vote in their constituency and have about three weeks to complete and return their ballot papers.

The result will be announced shortly after the election closes and all candidates will be told of the outcome.



Become a GMMH Governor

Contested constituencies in this election

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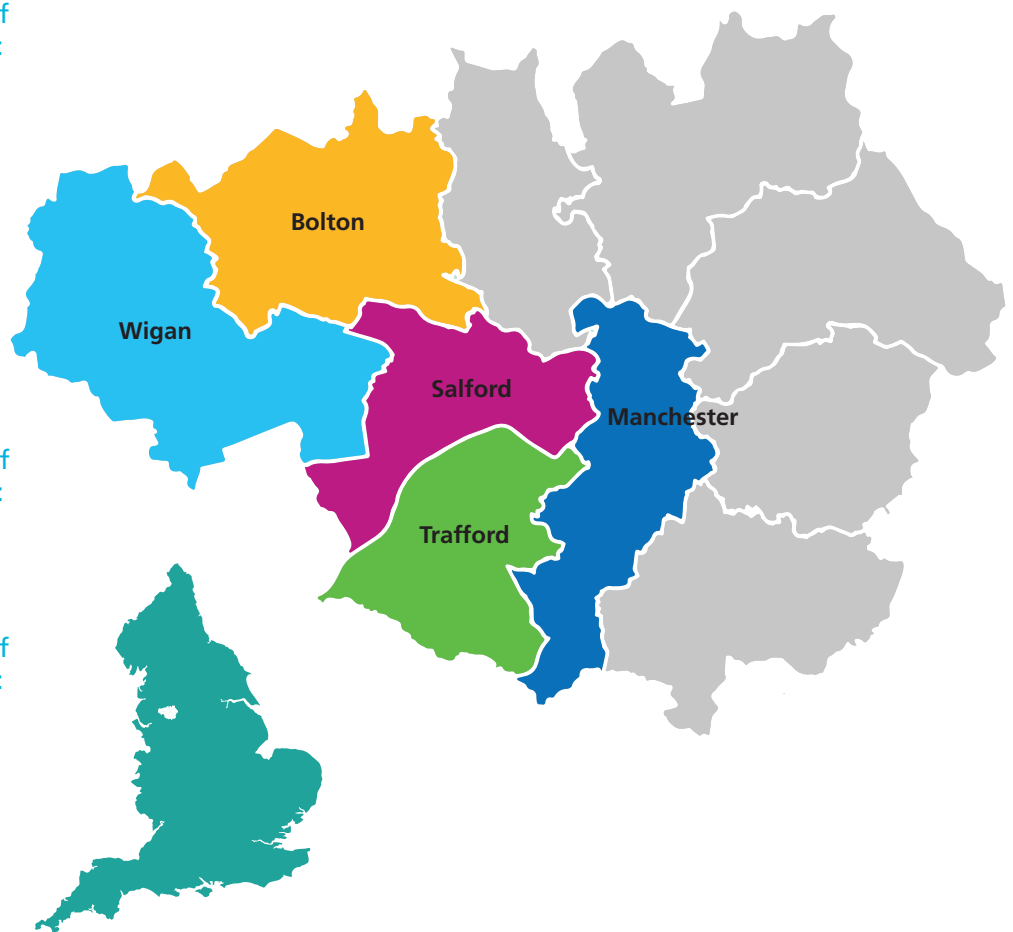
	No. of Seats:
● Bolton	1
● Salford	2
● Trafford	1
● Manchester	2
● Wigan	2
● Rest of England	1

SERVICE USER AND CARER

	No. of Seats:
Service User and Carer	1

STAFF:

	No. of Seats:
Medical	1
Psychological Therapies	1



Contact us

Phone: 0345 209 3770
Calling us on an 0345 number will cost you the same as a call to a standard landline number starting with 01 or 02.

Email: gmmh@uk-engage.org

Post: UK Engage, 10 Acorn Business Park, Heaton Lane, Stockport SK4 1AS

Internet: hub.ukevote.uk/gmmh
Here you can find out about the election and register to complete your nomination online.



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