

In no more than 20 words, tell the voters why they should vote for you



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## Why do you want to be a governor?

I am often surprised that in 2012 mental health still has a certain stigma attached to it, and some people are still reluctant to seek help in times of difficulty. I am keen to promote the Trust's services and ensure that people know what help is available and how to access it.

## What skills do you feel you could bring to the role?

I am a local resident, a mother of 2 young children and a solicitor. My work involves representing both individuals and organisations, encouraging them to seek conciliatory dispute resolutions where possible. I have experience of managing teams and responsibility for meeting annual financial targets. In the past I have helped develop an accredited quality system. I regularly undertake audits and understand the importance of governance and accountability.

Outside of work I have served on committees for a local choir, a parent's forum at my daughter's nursery and my son's Parent Teacher Association.

If elected I would hope to bring my energy, enthusiasm and professional experience to contribute towards the ongoing success of the Trust.

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### Why do you want to be a governor?

I wish to be a governor to articulate the needs of current service users and ensure that resources are targeted to derive the maximum patient benefit. In addition I wish to help promote the Acute Day Treatment Unit (ADTU) model. This template to help aid patient recovery, is a viable, successful, and innovative alternative to inpatient treatment which requires support and promotion to ensure the resource is made more readily available throughout the trust.

### What skills do you feel you could bring to the role?

A seasoned business professional working at director level I am used to balancing priorities, carrying out cost/benefit analyses and persuasion through logical argument, of the merits of a case. Working in an environment with strict budgetary controls I am aware of the needs to extract value and effectively target resources. My current knowledge and recent first hand, experience of the alternative treatments in place provides me with a valuable insight that can be used to the benefit of other service users and medical professionals.

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The NHS Principles and the Health & Social Care Act 2003 require Governors to "*represent the interests of patients and the local community*". As a Police Inspector with over 30 years service I have represented the local community every day I go on duty.

When considering the role of Governor I have spoken with DCH Consultants, Nurses, Administrative staff, Chaplains as well as many friends who like me have used DCH over the last 20 years.

Overwhelmingly it appears 'you' want Governors to be "*supportive but questioning and inquisitorial*". Throughout the history of the NHS public accountability has had mixed success. Frequently a narrow local or political interest has been represented and not a truly independent voice. As a police officer I have to be independent. My objectivity is guaranteed and I will never be swayed by any single interest group or party. My affiliation to DCH is based on my family's use of the Hospital from when it was in Princes Street to the present day.

With no sanction against Directors other than removal it is essential an open relationship is established between DCH and Governors. Nothing beats face-to-face contact, approachability and, above all, the ability to actually listen.

In summary I can bring independence, experience, commitment and willingness to listen and an ability to question to the role of DCH Governor.

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My entire career was within the NHS; I would like to use the skills and knowledge I have gained to support the development of high quality, accessible services to the communities of West Dorset.

There is fundamental change within the NHS, and with re-organisation comes turbulence. Nevertheless the needs of people and communities must remain at the top of the NHS agenda and it is a key responsibility of the Governors to voice concerns about local issues – and in West Dorset that means ACCESS.

We know that public finances are challenged, in this climate new and innovative ideas about service delivery could emerge, which although different could *improve* access for local people.

Throughout my career from nurse and midwife to Executive Director, my focus has been improving the patient’s experience of NHS services, listening to feedback from patients and their carers learning lessons about how services could improve. As a Governor I would wish to engage with, as many patients and carers, families and communities to fully understand the issues, which matter, and represent those views through my contribution to the foundation trust council of governors.

I further commit to maintaining a dialogue with local members and communities to enable everyone to be aware of the performance of the Trust Board in leading the organisation, and will where possible make every effort to broaden the membership of the Foundation Trust.