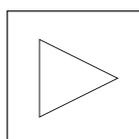


CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

Election to the Council of Governors

Public: West Stratford and Borders

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Paul Boness

I have been receiving treatment for an eye condition in Stratford and Warwick for several years. In return for the excellent care which I have received, I would now like to make a constructive contribution to the NHS by becoming involved in the affairs of the Trust as a layman. I have now retired from my career in interpreting and translating and could therefore dedicate the necessary time to the role of governor.

I have three principal concerns about the health service. I am concerned by the lack of communication between trusts and would like to exercise any influence I might have to improve this situation. My second concern is the ever-increasing pressure being placed upon the NHS by the demands of an ageing and steadily increasing population. I have visited a number of care homes in the course of my work and am aware of the cost and practical difficulties associated with this sector, such as bed blocking. Finally, I feel that more emphasis should be placed on prevention, rather than cure, primarily by educating the public about health hazards, such as smoking, excessive alcohol consumption and obesity. Apart from these concerns, I am convinced that there is a need to encourage people to take more responsibility for their health, e.g. by seeking advice and assistance whenever symptoms present themselves. In the case of mental health of young people, I feel that greater awareness of the dangers of the internet, particularly social media, should be encouraged.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

Mike Flaxman

I am a Chartered Public Finance Accountant and have worked in various senior roles for and with the National Health Service since 1975. I have over 47 years continuing commitment to the service, whatever shape it has taken. My last NHS staff post in 1990 was as Finance and Information Director of Central Birmingham Health Authority. My passion for the development and improvement of the NHS has not diminished since then and I remain committed to trying to improve the NHS wherever and whenever possible. I have been a board director of Warwickshire HealthWatch since 2013 and if elected as a public governor for SWFT I will continue with my efforts to maintain and improve the quality and availability of SWFT services. I will support SWFT's engagement strategy to ensure that the patient voice is listened to. I have the time and commitment to do this.

Since 1990 I have provided support to the NHS including drafting service and financial strategies and the development and improvement of estate facilities for Acute and Primary and Community Care services. I have worked in all facets of the NHS, in Acute, Primary and Community Care and Mental Health services. I represent the Bidford Health Centre Patient Participation Group at meetings of the South Warwickshire Patient Engagement forum and have served as the non-executive audit committee chair for a Foundation Trust. I and my family have been and are patients of SWFT and we have lived in Binton since 1993.

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Political Party: None

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