

To: Council of Governors

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Subject: Elections, Governors Advisory Committee (GAC)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 NHS Providers are holding elections to their Governors Advisory Committee. The role of the GAC is to advise NHS providers on their programme of training and development for Governors and offer feedback on their publications. Candidates for the role are nominated by each Council of Governors.
- 1.2 Using the Single Transferable Vote system, every Council can vote for a number of candidates in order of preference.
- 1.3 The Council has nominated, via email vote, its Lead Governor Caroline Ogunsola as candidate for the Governors Advisory Committee and therefore it is assumed that the Council will vote for Caroline Ogunsola as its first preference.

2.0 Selection Process

- 2.1 Governors were sent the information on the role of the GAC as well as all candidates and were invited to select their top two candidates by 5pm, Monday 8 March 2021; all votes to be collated by the Corporate Governance Manager as the returning officer.
- 2.2 Five Governors have responded and expressed a preference for one or two candidates
 1. Sean Driscoll
 2. Peter Abell
 3. Eric Bennett
 4. Maureen Burke
 5. John Jones
 6. Howard Tidman

All of them received one preference vote except Sean Driscoll who received two.

- 2.3 As a result it is proposed the Corporate Governance Manager cast the Council's vote in the elections to the Governors Advisory Committee as follows
 1. Caroline Ogunsola
 2. Sean Driscoll
 3. Peter Abell
 4. Eric Bennett
 5. Maureen Burke
 6. John Jones
 7. Howard Tidman

3 Process

- 3.1 As this has been the first time the Council has been asked to vote in this election, and as it is the Council that has a vote and not individual governors, it is recommended the Council **RATIFY** that

- 3.2.1 The returning officer in the elections to the Governors Advisory Committee shall be the Corporate Governance Manger
- 3.2.2 The voting preference of the Council shall be determined by means of an indication of preference by individual governors
- 3.2.3 While Council nominations for the Committee will have preference over all other candidates, additional votes will be determined by the number of votes received by Governors for each candidate. In case of equality of votes, the Council will cast its vote in alphabetical order until all possible votes have been cast.
- 3.2.4 The Council will be asked to ratify the outcome of its indication of preference before a vote is cast on its behalf.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 The Council is asked to **NOTE** and **AGREE** the voting preference for the Governors Advisory Committee and the procedure for the involvement of the Council Governors in the voting process