

Notice of Election

Council of Governors Election - 2021

The Trust gives notice that it will hold elections to the Council of Governors for Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust which includes Luton and Dunstable University Hospital and Bedford Hospital. Elections are to be held for the following number of governors in the following Public and Staff Constituencies:

Constituency and Class	Number of Seats
Public - Luton	3
Public - Central Bedfordshire	6*
Public - Hertfordshire	2**
Staff - Professional, Technical & Pharmacy (at Bedford site)	1
Staff - Medical & Dental (at L&D site)	1
Staff - Nursing & Midwifery (including Healthcare Assistants) (at L&D site)	1
Staff - Non Clinical (Admin, Clerical, Managers, Ancillary & Maintenance) (at L&D site)	1
Staff - Registered Volunteers (at L&D site)	1***

*the candidates who receive the first 4 highest votes will serve a 3 year term and the next 2 candidates will serve a 2 year term.

**the candidate who receives the highest votes will serve a 3 year term and the other candidate will serve a 2 year term.

***the elected candidate will serve a 2.5 year term.

To stand for election you must be a member of the Trust within the Constituency and Class for which you wish to stand as a candidate. If you do not know which Constituency or Class you are in, please contact the Returning Officer using the contact details below.

Nominations may be completed online or returned by post, email or fax. To access the online nomination portal or download a nomination form in PDF format please visit: <https://hub.ukevot.uk/bh>

If you would like a form to be sent to you by post or email please contact UK Engage between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Tel: 0345 209 3770
Fax: 0161 209 4804
Email: bh@uk-engage.org
Post: UK Engage, Image House, 10 Acorn Business Park, Heaton Lane, Stockport SK4 1AS

Completed nominations must be received by the Returning Officer no later than **5.00pm on Thursday, 24 June 2021**. Please do not return nomination papers to the L&D Hospital or to the Bedford Hospital. If you are sending your form by post please allow sufficient time for it to arrive before the deadline.

In order to participate in the election as a candidate or voter you must be a member of the Trust on or before the closing date for the receipt of nominations.

Notice of withdrawal of candidates must be given to the Returning Officer in writing by **5.00pm on Tuesday, 29 June 2021** at the address given for delivery of nominations.

In the event of a contested election a ballot will be held and details will be sent by post or email to qualifying members. Completed votes must be received by the Returning Officer no later than the close of poll at **5.00pm on Wednesday, 11 August 2021**.

Craig Poyser
 Returning Officer
 25 May 2021