

Candidate Statements

Staff: Non-clinical Healthcare Professional

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Michael Maimone

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the council of governors.

My desire to be involved within the trust is my reason for applying.

During my eight years of employment in the estates department, i have made excellent working relationships with many members of staff ranging from consultants to cleaners by listening and providing solutions.

It is my wish to be part of a team where my skills may be utilised to bring cohesion between the trust and the Council of Governors.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

In the USAF, I practiced organisation, time and resource management.

These have helped me to make clear decisions, prioritize and take responsibility for my actions.

The skills from my BAHON in philosophy and literature help me to understand, investigate, summarise and resolve conflicting volumes of information.

These were useful during my two years as NUS sabbatical officer at university.

There I created the advice service and trained twenty five volunteers to listen, question, and find resolutions for individual students and the whole student body.

My key skills were to liaise and mediate between the university and third party organisations, arbitrate disputes and help write the student handbook and university constitution. I was also a member of the Board of Governors.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have been Chairman for my Parish Council and the 255th Sea Scouts. I am very comfortable in board environments. I was a runner up in the 2010 Bright Ideas and am a charter volunteer fire crew for the Trust helideck. Thank you for considering my application.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in Trust: None

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Neil Morris

I am currently employed at University Hospitals Bristol as a caseworker in the Patient Support and Complaints Team. In this role I gain a great deal of satisfaction from resolving patient concerns and bridging communication gaps. I am passionate about enfranchising people and building their confidence to engage in their own healthcare.

I believe that all NHS employees, clinical and non-clinical, can have a huge impact on patient experience and outcomes. I took part in the bright idea's competition and have worked on projects improving my working environment. I am in a privileged position to be able to see positive changes being made within the Trust and to represent it to those outside. I feel that the next step in developing my passion is to become directly involved in this process at a different level by becoming a Staff Governor.

The NHS is under a lot of stress and I believe that in order to maintain high standards in challenging times we will require further integration and investment from all members of staff. I believe that I have the drive, passion and skills to connect with those around me, get stuck into what needs to be done and put forward the views of the members I represent as part of the greater NHS whole.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in Trust: None

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Derek Pearce

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am proud to be part of the team at UHBristol, I am passionate about health, safety and the wellbeing of patient and staff members, and would welcome the chance to be involved in the long-term and changing needs of UHBristol patients and staff and by being elected as a Governor, I would ensure that it is well run and that it continues to provide the wide variety of services to meet the needs of the community going forwards.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am responsible for all fire safety training, and have been innovative in the way these sessions are delivered and by setting up a dedicated ward evacuation training facility off site, so see the need for providing a safe working environment for staff, and for patients and families to feel safe in.

For 10 years I was involved with the Dorset Army cadet force reaching the rank of Captain and with the responsibility of Company Commander of over 200 cadets. In this position, I had to be able to listen to their problems and needs, and to find helpful solutions.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have been with the trust since 2009 in the role of Fire Safety Advisor, and more recently involved in the setting up of the helideck to receive adult cardiac and children's, burns and neuro patients. In this role, I meet a wide variety of people, and hear about the problems they encounter whilst carrying out their normal daily duties, some of which if elected, I would seek to resolve.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in Trust: None

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Jane Westhead

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am interested in how and why decisions are made in the Trust and how these decisions impact on staff and patients. I enjoy my role working throughout the Trust as a Support Medical Secretary via the Temporary Staffing Bureau. Over the last year, I have worked in Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Clinical Genetics and Paediatric Neurology. I feel the fact that I work throughout the Trust offers an interesting and unique perspective as a governor which I think would be useful in the role. I believe good decision making needs to take into account evidence but also acknowledge and address how people feel. You win by listening.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am a trustee with local charity in Easton called 'Up Our Street' which encourages local residents to develop and participate in projects which benefit the local community and promotes participation in public life. It is important to me that all our residents in the community are given an opportunity to express their views and become involved in the way the local area is developed and governed. Along with neighbours, I helped set up a successful local group which secured funding to redevelop our local park. I have stood for election in Easton and St George West as an independent candidate and always encourage people from all backgrounds to become involved in public life.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Independents for Bristol

Financial or other interest in Trust: None

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Mily Yogananth

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I wish to be continuously involved in shaping our workplace where staff are proud to work, feel valued and patients feel safe to be in our care. In today's austere economic climate with stretched resources, maintaining quality service is difficult. I want to contribute to discussion and decision making on impact it has on staff. To continue and provide professional and caring service for our patients in the future, a staff voice with a balanced, considered approach and good moral standing is what I hope to bring.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I meet both patients and staff daily and would like to promote a "positive experience" during a patient's hospital stay. I wish to support my colleagues in representing themselves in what can sometimes be viewed as a "negative time". I am an approachable and friendly

personality who has time for people. I am a highly self-motivated and dedicated individual who looks at simple solutions and use common sense. I believe in collective leadership and most importantly I don't give up on people.

Any other information that you feel is relevant.

The interesting and exciting element of being a Governor is ensuring accountability for decisions by our Board. We are currently 21,000 member organisation whereby 10,000+ constitute of Staff. It's not always easy for non-clinical staff to influence decisions and "have a voice". I have had experience of working in both foundation and community settings that would be instrumental to "find your voice" in improving local decisions and accountability.

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Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in Trust: None

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