

Staff – Nursing and Midwifery

Candidate Statements



Hannah McNiven

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am passionate about the improvement of patient care. I'm keen to become a driving force in delivering measurable, positive changes for service users and staff. I will make it my business as a full-time clinical midwife to listen and lead the views of the Nursing and Midwifery staff to the Trust Board.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am an experienced midwife having worked in hospital and community settings. I am very approachable and respected by my colleagues. I feel confident delivering constructive feedback and enjoy recognising success. I am committed to service improvement and understanding the wider issues facing our staff and community.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I'm really interested in gaining an insight into the running of the Trust, my particular interests are service improvement and recruitment/retention. I have worked at other hospital Trusts and feel that I could offer a new perspective to the Trust Board. In my current role I attend ward meetings with the senior management team to discuss the agenda within maternity. I frequently communicate the views of service users and staff at these meetings. I am also expected to disseminate new information to other members of staff. These are skills I know I will be able to utilise in a governor role. Lastly I am committed to UH Bristol Trust and my development here. I would be delighted to be considered for the role of staff governor.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None



Debbi Norden

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I am passionate about nursing and the NHS. Throughout my career I have seen the highs and lows that nursing can bring, I wish to act as a strong voice and advocate for the nursing and midwifery staff to improve their working experiences, and help retain a strong workforce at UHBristol, to ensure the best possible care is received by our patients.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I began my nursing career at UHBristol as a student nurse and have experienced working in multiple trusts since qualifying, including central London and across the South West. Currently I work as a senior staff nurse on the Chemotherapy Day Unit. I have experience of public and private healthcare in community and acute settings, including Intensive Care, Medicine and Oncology, all of this I feel gives me a broad insight into the challenges health care professionals and the NHS face today.

I am kind and compassionate, courageous and diplomatic, and will stand up for the voices of the nursing and midwifery group. My current role has developed my strong leadership skills and advocating for my team which I can transfer into this role. I am a good communicator and listener and feel I will be a visible governor and able to act with integrity to ensure the views of staff are heard and responded to, and that the visions of the board are circulated back to staff.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None



Wendy Visser

Why do you wish to carry out this role?

I have always been interested in representing different groups of people in my daily life. Carrying out this role will give me a voice for the patients, staff and carers. I am a big believer in equal opportunities to all within the Trust. I feel I can play a fundamental part in the success of the Trust in seeing that these fundamental values are been maintained and upheld.

This role will give me the ability to represent the views of staff, patients and carers.

What skills do you feel you bring to the role?

I am a highly skilled nurse with 34 years of international and national experience. I have been working at the NHS for the past 20 years.

I am very passionate about what I do. Sharing my learning and knowledge is important and very gratifying.

Care is my core business. My care I deliver helps the individual person to improve their health. I deliver care that defines who I am.

I am a very competent nurse. I have a great understanding of the health needs of individuals. I have good clinical, technical knowledge and my care and treatment is based on research.

I can contribute my ideas and views to improve patient care.

Any other information that you feel is relevant?

I have a long career of caring for patients with learning disabilities. With my knowledge and experience, I feel that I could be part of the team to ensure the effective running of the Trust. This is a very dynamic Trust and I have enjoyed all my years working here.

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