Please read the following extract from the Trust’s constitution carefully to ensure you are eligible to stand for election:

Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender; words importing the singular shall import the plural and vice versa.

From Annex 5: Additional Provisions – Council of Governors:

1. Eligibility to be a governor

1.1. Governors must be at least 16 years of age at the date they are nominated for election or appointment.

1.2. A person may not become or continue as a governor of the trust if:

1.2.1. in the case of an individual who is a member of the Public Constituency, he ceases to live in the area of the Public Constituency of which he is a member;

1.2.2. in the case of a member of a staff class of the Staff Constituency, he no longer is employed by, or seconded to (under a retention of employment model) a Private Finance Initiative provider to provide services at any of the trust’s premises; and

1.2.3. in the case of an appointed governor, the local authority, university or other organisation withdraws their sponsorship of him;

1.2.4. he has within the preceding two years been dismissed, otherwise than by reason of redundancy or ill health, from any paid employment with a Health Service Body (which shall have the meaning ascribed to it in section 9(4) of the 2006 Act);

1.2.5. he is a Director of a Health Service Body (which shall have the meaning ascribed to it in section 9(4) of the 2006 Act) and he has not subsequently had his name included in the Sex Offenders Register;

1.2.6. he is a member of the Sex Offenders Register; or

1.2.7. he has had his name removed from a list maintained under regulations pursuant to sections 91, 106, 123, or 146 of the 2006 Act, or the equivalent lists maintained by Local Health Boards in Wales under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, and he has not subsequently had his name included in such a list;

1.2.8. he is incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his property and affairs;

1.2.9. he has refused without reasonable cause to undergo any training which the trust and/or Council of Governors requires all governors to undertake;

1.2.10. he is a member of a local authority Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

1.2.11. he is the subject of a Sex Offenders Order and/or his name is included in the Sex Offenders Register;

1.2.12. he is an occupant of the same household and/or he is an immediate family member of a governor or a director of the trust;

1.2.13. he has failed to repay (without good cause) any amount of monies properly owed to the trust; or

1.2.14. he has failed to sign and deliver to the Head of Corporate Governance a statement in the form required by the trust confirming acceptance of the Council of Governors’ Code of Conduct.

1.3. Where a person has been elected or appointed to be a governor and he becomes disqualified from office under paragraph 14 of the constitution or paragraph 1.2 of this Annex, he shall notify the Secretary in writing of such disqualification. If it comes to the notice of the Head of Corporate Governance at the time of his taking office or later that the governor is so disqualified, the Head of Corporate Governance shall immediately declare that the person in question is disqualified and notify him in writing to that effect. Upon dispatch of any such notification, that person’s tenure of office, if any, shall be terminated and he shall cease to act as a governor.

From the main body of the constitution:


14.1. The following may not become or continue as a member of the Council of Governors:

14.1.1. a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or whose estate has been sequestrated and (in either case) has not been discharged;

14.1.2. a person who has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it;

14.1.3. a person within the preceding five years has been convicted in the British Islands of any offence if a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) was imposed on him.

14.1.4. a person in relation to whom a nonstatutory period under a debt relief order applies (under part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986).

14.2. Governors must be at least 16 years of age at the date they are nominated for election or appointment.

14.3. Further provisions as to the circumstances in which an individual may not become or continue as a member of the Council of Governors are set out in Annex 5: Additional Provisions – Council of Governors, where details are also provided of how membership of the Council of Governors may be terminated.

8. Staff Constituency

8.1. An individual who is employed by the trust under a contract of employment with the trust may become or continue as a member of the trust provided that:

8.1.1. he is employed by the trust under a contract of employment which has no fixed term or has a fixed term of at least 12 months; or

8.1.2. he has been continuously employed by the trust under a contract of employment for at least 12 months.

8.2. Individuals who exercise functions for the purposes of the trust, otherwise than under a contract of employment with the trust who:

8.2.1. have a contract of employment with the University of Oxford within its Medical Sciences Division; or

8.2.2. are employed by a Private Finance Initiative provider to provide services at any of the trust’s premises, may become or continue as members of the staff constituency provided such individuals have exercised these functions continuously for a period of at least 12 months.

Annex 2: The Staff Constituency:

1. There will be two classes of staff members within the Staff Constituency as follows:

1.1. groups of staff:

1.1.1. categorised in the trust’s Electronic Staff Record as administrative and clerical, estates and ancillary staff;

1.1.2. employed by, or seconded to, (under a retention of employment model) a Private Finance Initiative provider to provide services at any of the trust’s premises; and

1.1.3. employed by the University of Oxford in its Medical Sciences Division in a non-clinical role will be assigned to the ‘non-clinical’ staff class; and

1.2. allied health professionals, additional clinical services, healthcare scientists, medical and dental, nurses and midwives and professional scientific and technical staff will be assigned to the ‘clinical’ staff class.