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NHS Foundation Trust

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**Report to:** Board of Directors

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Title:** Elections 2007

**Report of:** Chairman

**Report for:** Approval

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**SUMMARY:**

This report sets out the progress on this year's elections to the Governors Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board is asked to note the report.

## Elections 2007

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Constitution allows for a rolling programme for the first Public and Staff Governors that were elected for a one year term in 2006.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors considered the process for this year at its meeting in February 2007 and have approved engagement of the Electoral Reform Services (ERS). This is to ensure that our processes are independent. This will be overseen by the Communications & Foundation team.
- 1.3 Those governors elected this year may hold office for a three year term.

### 2. Process and Timescales

- 2.1 The Governors Council comprises 33 governors: 17 elected from the Public Constituency, 7 elected from the Staff Constituency and 9 appointed Governors from local stakeholder organisations. There are five positions for election to the Public Constituency and two positions for the Staff Constituency.
- 2.2 The process begins for the Trust on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 when the Notice of Elections is issued. Nomination forms will be available from Matthew Reeve at the Electoral Reform Services, on 020 8365 8909, email [matthew.reeve@electorareform.co.uk](mailto:matthew.reeve@electorareform.co.uk)
- 2.3 The closing date for submission of nomination papers to ERS is 12 noon on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The nomination form must be returned directly to ERS and not to this Trust.
- 2.4 Members registered by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May will be eligible to vote in any subsequent election. Following verification of nomination forms, a summary of nominated candidates will be published on the external website. Notice of election will be published by ERS on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June and voting packs despatched to all members on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- 2.5 The closing date for the election is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, with a formal report on the results presented to the Board of Directors meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is asked to note the process and timescales.