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Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Governor Information Pack

November 2026

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2026 Elections Outcome

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10 seats in four constituencies:	Bristol (3 seats available) North Somerset (3 seats available) South Gloucestershire (2 seats available) Non-clinical (2 seats available)
Nominations	Nominations period Fri 28 Aug - Mon 21 Sept. 21 eligible nominations made in this period.
Returning Governors	Five Governors that could re-apply to continue their seats; three did.
Ballot and results	Ballot in every constituency. Ballots opened on Fri 9 Oct -Thurs 28 Oct. Results announced Fri 29 Oct and Governors started new terms of office on Sun 1 Nov.
Welcome to our newly elected Governors:	Vsevolod Shabad, Amy Wilson, Leanne Jones, Graham Briscoe, Paul Cousins, Jonathan Hall and Vicky Wood, and congratulations to Annabel Plaister, Suzanne Harford and Janis Purdy on their re-election.

Governor Engagement Updates

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Purpose: To support Governors in fulfilling their statutory duty to represent the interests of Trust members and the public by sharing engagement activity, key themes and outcomes.

Engagement activity for all Governors	Your Voice… events in South Glos Election stands throughout September Annual Members Meeting Health Fair stand
Areas of Governor focus	Patient Record Access Communications with patients on navigating complex pathways Future of Governors (NHS Health Bill)
Outputs from our Governor meetings	Changes to meeting purposes and frequency Input into the development of Trust Values Engagement on the new Clinical Strategy
National Lead Governor Association (NLGA)	Work ongoing to raise the profile of the NLGA Activity included meetings and discussions around NHS Health Bill
PLACE Assessment updates	All assessments complete as of October 2026 At least 7 Governors involved in assessments Results to be provided to Governors at Governor Seminar

Governors Log (full log attached)

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Purpose: To provide oversight of Governor questions, progress and key themes, and assurance that matters raised are being followed up.

Progress between 10 Sept – 9 Oct 2026

	Quantity	Reference Number
Assigned to Executive Lead	1	343
Assigned to Executive Lead (and OVERDUE)	3	340, 341, 342
Awaiting Governor Response	0	
Closed	2	339
Raised	1	343

Overarching themes

The questions broadly fall into the following recurring areas:

- Patient access and transport
- Estates, facilities and environmental safety
- Patient safety, quality and organisational learning
- Workforce support, leadership and employment arrangements
- Patient flow, discharge and rehabilitation
- Procurement, financial governance and service delivery models
- Climate resilience and staff wellbeing
- Development of patient support services
- Merger implementation and service integration

Governor meetings

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Meetings	Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27
Council of Governors			Thu 18 Feb 10.00-12.30 Face to Face To be followed by an informal lunch 12.30-13.00	
Nominations and Appointments Committee *(Members only)*		Thu 28 Jan 14.30-16.00 Online		
Governor Informal sessions			Thu 18 Feb 13.15-14.15 Face to Face	
Development Sessions				Gov/NED Development Session Date tbc
Membership and Strategy Working Group *(Members only)*		Tue 19 Jan 10.30-12.00 Online		
Governor Seminars	Wed 16 Dec 12.00-13.30 Online			Wed 17 Mar 12.00-13.30 Online
Staff Governor Meetings		Thu 7 Jan 10.00-11.00 Online		

Current Governors

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Public governors

Amy Wilson, Bristol
Vsevolod Shabad, Bristol
Graham Briscoe, North Somerset
Jonathan Hall, South Gloucestershire
Leanne Jones, South Gloucestershire
Ben Argo, South Gloucestershire
Carolyne Crow, rest of England and Wales
Robert Edwards, Bristol
Suzanne Harford, North Somerset
Robert Knowles-Leak, Bristol
Jay-Jay Martin, Bristol
Mark Patteson, rest of England and Wales
Annabel Plaister, North Somerset
Janis Purdy, Bristol
Phil Smith, Bristol
Chloe Somers, Bristol
Paul Wheeler, Bristol

Staff governors

Megan Crofts, Medical and Dental
Vicky Wood, non-clinical
Reni George, Nursing and Midwifery
Rachel Harkness, Nursing and Midwifery
Esther Obafemi, other clinical
Paul Cousins, non-clinical

Appointed governors

Josie Harris, Youth Involvement Group
Sarah George, University of Bristol
James Lee, University of the West of England
Phoebe Turner, Youth Involvement Group
Chris Watts, Joint Union Committee
David Wilcox, Bristol City Council

Trust Board Members

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Executive Directors



Maria Kane
Chief Executive



Neil Kemsley
Chief Finance and Estates Officer



Tim Whittlestone
Chief Medical and Innovation Officer



Steve Hams
Chief Nursing and Quality Officer



Jenny Lewis
Chief People and Culture Officer



Glyn Howells
Executive Director, Estates and Digital (interim)



Stuart Walker
Chief Delivery Officer

Non-Executive Directors



Ingrid Barker
Chair



Sarah Purdy
Vice Chair



Martin Sykes
Vice Chair



Roy Shubhabrata



Linda Kennedy



Marc Griffiths



Richard Gaunt



Poku Pipim Osei



Christina Gray