

## **Frimley Council of Governors – outside body appointment**

In accordance with Paragraph 16, Part 8E of the council constitution, the Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel has agreed that the decision to appoint a council representative to the outside body 'Frimley Council of Governors' can be taken at Cabinet on 15 December 2022, on the basis that it is not reasonable to defer the decision, to ensure the vacant position for Berkshire authorities is filled as soon as possible.

Frimley Health Hospitals Foundation Trust have advised that they require an RBWM representative to be appointed to their Council of Governors. The Berkshire council seat on this body rotates between each Berkshire authority. Bracknell Forest have just completed their three-year term and RBWM have been invited to appoint a representative for the next three-year term, up until November 2025.

### Nominations received from Group Leaders and supporting statements:

#### **Councillor Donna Stimson – *proposed by Councillor Johnson***

I believe I would be suitable to be on the board for the Frimley Council of Governors for the following reasons:

- As far as I know I was the only RBWM councillor to attend the AGM for stakeholders held a few months ago
- As a consequence I got in touch with Neil Dardis and have spoken to other members of the trust
- It was apparent that patients are not aware of the strains that Frimley are under
- I am on the RBWM Health and Wellbeing board, and understand many of the issues that Frimley face
- We have been working within the RBWM team on a Health and Wellbeing hub model that wraps its arms around vulnerable residents, in the way we did during covid. The potential for savings and increasing of community wellbeing are enormous, and the tests have proven very positive. I can't wait to share this more fully with the team.
- I am delighted with the new Heatherwood Hospital, and was at A&E at Wexham a couple of weekend's ago, where I was very well dealt with. Frimley Park is a hospital I confess to not having visited. As a member of RBWM Cabinet, I was, along with my colleagues, was terribly worried about losing the privilege of being a part of Frimley, which we fought for along with our MP, Theresa May and Windsor MP Adam Afriyie
- Finally, I am on the board of the RBWM Climate Partnership, where we are prioritising Climate, Health and Wellbeing, and Biodiversity. All three are closely linked. A couple of years ago I read ex NHS chief Nigel Crisp's book "Health is Made at Home, Hospitals are for repairs". I reached out to him having read it a year and a half ago. I told him I thought it a key document for anyone who was involved in raising a child, or working with an adult.

I would love to be on the Council of Governors. It would be a real privilege.

**Councillor Carole Da Costa – *proposed by Councillor W. Da Costa***

A former community midwife who has a great knowledge and experience of delivering healthcare and exposure to many of RBWM's more needy and health care dependent residents.

I worked for Heatherwood & Wexham park NHS trust and later Frimley Park NHS trust for more than 17 years before retiring.

I am aware of how services are delivered and some of the difficulties in delivering these services when resources are limited.

I always championed client/ patient centred care in a holistic manner while delivering evidenced based care.

I believe my background in the NHS gives me an insight and ability to undertake this role.