Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
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Council of Governors
21st February 2024

TITLE	**Council of Governors By-Election 2023**
Executive Summary	The Council is asked note progress on a by-election which is taking place due to two existing candidates stepping down from their Governor roles in the constituency of Spelthorne.
The Council is asked to:	To note
Submitted by:	Anu Sehdev, Membership and Engagement Manager
Date:	February 2023
Decision:	To note

By-Election

A by-election had arisen due to two existing candidates stepping down from their Governor role in the constituency of Spelthorne. The by-election is now underway. Five candidates have nominated themselves for the two vacant positions and Spelthorne constituents are now voting for their preferred candidates.

Process

Model Election Rules state that the election needs to be run by an external election company. The rules allowed the advertising of the election in-house but the process needed to return to the election company to run the nomination and ballot stages. Civica were employed to run the election due their competitive price and excellent track record.

Election Timetable

Election Stage	**Timetable**
Notice of Election / Nominations Opened	Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Nominations Closed	Wednesday 17th January 2024
Voting packs to be despatched	Tuesday 6th February 2024
Close of Election	Monday 26th February 2024
Declaration of results	Tuesday 26th February 2024

By-Election Term

The successful candidate will cover a term beginning 1 March 2024 to 30 November 2025.

The Council of Governors wishes to thank Ann (Carmel) Keane-Maher and Chris Frazer for their time as Public Governors representing the constituency of Spelthorne.