

ELECTION OF ORDINARY TRUSTEES 2019-2022 *

Candidate statements

Doctor Banu Kaya: proposed by Professor Cheng-Hock Toh and seconded by Doctor Paul Telfer

I'm a consultant haematologist at the Royal London Hospital, Barts Health NHS trust, London. My areas of interest are paediatric haematology and red cell disorders, particularly haemoglobinopathies.

I was co-opted as a BSH Trustee in April 2018 and would like to stand for election as Ordinary Trustee. I hope to utilise the skills and experience I've gained so far to work creatively with the BSH team to help define and deliver for the future. I hold no other company directorships.

I'm determined to increase awareness, understanding and research into haemoglobin disorders and non-malignant haematological conditions of children with the aim of improving standards of care and optimising the patient experience.

Over the last few years I've been able to gain a detailed oversight of haemoglobinopathy services in the UK following my appointment as the paediatric lead for the National Haemoglobin Disorders Peer Review Programme (2014-2016) and joint Chair of the programme steering group. I led the review of UK NHS Trusts (33) and one international site (Dublin).

I'm a keen researcher and have been the UK Chief Investigator for two clinical trials and Principle Investigator for over six recent clinical trials. I am committed to exploring different modalities of treatment that will impact on outcomes.

I have a particular interest in health maintenance and health promotion and I'm currently investigating models of bio-psycho-social care for haemoglobinopathy patients. One of these projects involves a joint partnership with the Sickle Cell Society to promote a mentoring scheme for young people and another involved the design and development of a 'wellbeing service' for adult haemoglobinopathy patients.

I'm also passionate about education and previously the Training Programme Director for NE London. I'm particularly enthusiastic about nurturing trainees to develop an interest in non-malignant haematology including haemoglobinopathies and paediatric haematology.

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Doctor Fergus Jack: proposed by Professor Graham Hunter Jackson and seconded by Professor Simon Rule

I have been a consultant haematologist since 1999, in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Poole. Starting with a part-research post I moved to full-time NHS, and being married to a GP I've had opportunities to see medicine from primary, secondary and tertiary perspectives.

My practice includes general and malignant haematology. I was the educational organiser for the regional SpRs' teaching programme for some years, have convened regional open educational meetings, am Clinical Director for pathology and pharmacy, chair the hospital Medical Staff Committee and am a JACIE inspector. For the past three years I've been involved in the reconfiguration of pathology services in Dorset, upgrading IT infrastructure, consolidating MES and configuring a single network across three Trusts.

The reality gap between local clinical priorities and national expectations seems to widen every year as human and material resources fail to keep pace. Haematology patients are particularly vulnerable as our practice is so wide-ranging, particulate, and often invisible to the broad brush of the modern NHS. With increasingly complex, expensive treatments and improved clinical outcomes our workload is increasing - fantastic - while our limited time is being diverted into unproven, inefficient and sometimes cynical paper exercises - not so good! The BSH is the most effective voice we have to represent our patients' current and future needs in the 21st century.

If you are a hard-pressed clinical haematologist and share some of my aspirations, I hope I could reflect your views diligently and would be honoured to represent you in our Society. Thank you for considering me as a BSH Ordinary Trustee.

Doctor Josh Wright: proposed by Professor John Snowden and seconded by Doctor Nicholas Morley

I am a teaching hospital haematologist of many years standing, most of my clinical work is in haemato-oncology. I also have a longstanding interest in haemoglobinopathies and have taken national roles in NHS screening programme, national peer review and more recently the CRG. I have spent the last 3 years as a BSH Ordinary Trustee. Changes to the regulations now mean a second term can be undertaken and I am keen to have that opportunity. Why? I believe the BSH is making great strides to become a far better representative organisation for its members and I have enjoyed being part of that transition. There is considerable will and energy within the Board and plans afoot to improve the membership packages, the annual scientific meeting, develop scientific & overseas strategies. I feel I still have to more to offer BSH and hope that my experience over that last few years will allow me to contribute without the bedding in period that is inevitably required as a new trustee.

I do not hold any company directorships.

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Doctor Maria Gilleece: proposed by Professor Charles Frank Craddock and seconded by Professor David Ian Marks

After graduation from Liverpool medical school, I worked throughout England as well as overseas in Boston and Brisbane. My consultant career in haematology has taken me from a locum position in Scotland to substantive appointments in North Wales and, since 2005, St James's University Hospital in Leeds. While my main clinical interest is bone marrow transplantation I continue to participate in the general haematology on-call rota. I am an enthusiastic supporter of clinical trials as well as under-graduate and postgraduate education.

Membership of the British Society for Haematology has given me the opportunity to interact formally and informally with colleagues over more than two decades in post-graduate practice. It was exciting to be part of the first BSH sub-committee in Education and during my two terms I enjoyed contributing to the design and delivery of multiple teaching days held in London, Liverpool or Leeds. I am just completing my first term as a BSH regional education lead and have continued to provide educational meetings for medical students and post-graduates.

Recently I have served on the BSH Finance Sub-committee which has given me an insight into the efforts that the BSH goes to in order to support the membership via educational meetings, grants and scholarships.

I have been a trustee of the BSH since the summer of 2018 when a casual vacancy arose. I should like to have the opportunity to continue to contribute to the work of the BSH in educating, supporting and informing a multidisciplinary community who have a common goal of improving the care of patients with haematological disorders.

I hold no additional company directorships.

Doctor Subarna Chakravorty: proposed by Doctor David Rees and seconded by Doctor Rajesh Patel

I would like to express my interest in being elected as an Ordinary Trustee for the BSH. I am a consultant Paediatric Haematologist at Kings College Hospital, with a special interest in haemoglobinopathy. I have been a consultant in the NHS for over 8 years and have been a BSH member for much longer. I have noted with interest the excellent work that the BSH and its special interest groups have done for the advancement of haematology in the UK and beyond. I am a member of the Paediatric Special Interest Group and have participated in shaping the paediatric curriculum. I have attended many annual scientific meetings of the BSH and feel that in recent years the BSH has been very successful in making the Society an inclusive organisation with trainee interests at heart.

I have actively participated in clinical research and have encouraged trainees to participate in research and present their work in scientific journals and conferences. I regularly take part in exam orientated and clinical teaching for medical students, paediatric and haematology trainees and have led an intercalated BSc module in Haematology at Imperial College for several years. This has

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encouraged many students to take up haematology as a career. I encourage Specialist Nurses to develop interest in research and leadership and have also participated and led several patient engagement projects to improve service provision. Through leadership roles in the Haemoglobinopathy Peer Reviews since 2016, I have worked with clinical colleagues, managers, commissioners and patient groups to improve the quality of patient care in haemoglobin disorders. As an elected Trustee I feel I will be able to engage with a wider haematology community to encourage their participation in the activity of the Society including trainees, nurses and scientists and strive to improve the quality of patient care.