

ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS 2008

PUBLIC: WHITTINGTON SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

CANDIDATES' ELECTION STATEMENTS

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Margot Joan Dunn

As an elected local councillor for twelve years, and Mayor of Islington, I have many years of experience of working with local people to represent their needs.

I would now like to bring some of this experience to engaging members of the local community with the Whittington.

When I was a councillor I was also Islington Council's first Older People's Champion, and worked with staff from the Council and a range of other organisations, including the health service.

I also have many years' experience as a governor and chair of governors at more Islington schools than I really care to remember – so I'm well used to playing the supportive role of a governor, while also appropriately challenging the staff, and making links with the local community.

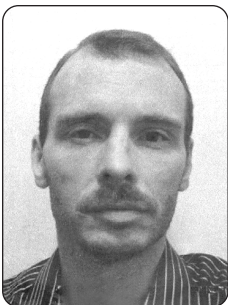
I have been a lay member of the London Region of the Legal Services Commission, and still am and I also chaired the first Lay Visitors Panel to police stations in Islington. In my business life I worked for a professional examining body with membership all over the world.

I have lived in Holloway for many years. I was disappointed that more local people didn't stand in the previous election for Whittington governors for this area. There is obviously a lot to do engage local people more in their local hospital – and I'd like to bring my experience as an elected councillor and governor to help the Whittington do that.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: Liberal Democrats

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None



Richard J Hiorns

I trained as a psychiatric nurse in 1985 and worked in several hospitals until I medically retired. I have a working knowledge of the NHS, and am currently involved in various projects at Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust (FT), mostly within Substance Misuse services, where I meet regularly with their Directors, Chief Executive, and Islington PCT Commissioners.

I sit on numerous committees in Islington, in substance misuse and the Mental Health field :-

- Alcohol Treatment Reference Group (borough-wide strategic and planning)
- Islington Borough Management Group in FT substance misuse
- Strategic Management Group in FT substance misuse
- Clinical Governance in FT substance misuse
- Islington Clients of Drug and Alcohol Services
- Joint Commissioning Group
- Black and Ethnic Minority (Diversity) Drugs and Alcohol Forum
- Mental Health Local Implementation Team
- Islington Borough Users Group
- Tollington Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team Panel

I have excellent communication and planning skills, and am an experienced public speaker. On numerous occasions, I have advocated on behalf of service users in substance misuse services. I have the enthusiasm and time to commit to be a Governor at the Whittington, and am sure that I will be able to effectively represent members, and take their concerns to the Board of Directors. I have been an in-patient at the Whittington on several occasions, and would find it extremely useful to try and help The Whittington to improve, especially following the recent Healthcare Commission's in-patient survey, in which it was rated amongst the worst 25 Trusts in the country.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None



Dr Marina Kurkchiyan

I am 54, I am a local woman, I know the area, and I want to help to provide the best possible health care for the people who live here. What I hope to be able to bring to the Council is a combination of academic and administrative experience with a wide international perspective. I am accustomed to reading and writing official reports, attending committees, listening to speeches and making them, because I have been a teacher, researcher and writer in several different languages for thirty years. At various times I have carried out studies of poverty, illness, hospitals, medical services and professional education in the caring professions in transitional societies. My current research and teaching deals with contemporary Europe. I carry out studies of the law and public administration, often with particular emphasis on the role of civil society, health care provision and associated fields such as social work education. In

that capacity I have served as consultant to the World Bank, the UNDP, the EU, the Soros Foundation and a number of other NGOs. At a more personal level, I have recently helped to care for a family member in a post-communist country. I know all too painfully what it means to be dreadfully ill, and I know what I value and admire in the NHS and what I regard as its shortcomings too. I hope to be given a chance to make a contribution to it.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None