Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.18.541
Date Received: 30 April 2018

*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

I am writing to obtain information about elections to the Trust’s Council of Governors, for all elections held since 2012.

Please include the following information:

Please note: as a new Trust following a Foundation Trust to Foundation Trust merger, the elections process for the establishment of the Council of Governors commenced once EPUT was created on 1 April 2017.

1. Date of ballot
   Voting packs were distributed on 26 May 2017 and voting closed at 17.00 on 16 June 2017

2. Balloting company used:
   RS

3. Total number of eligible voters
   Please see below table

4. Number of ballots issued (if different from the above)
   Please see below table

5. Number of votes cast
   Please see below table

6. Number of paper ballots
   Please see below table

7. Number of electronic ballots
   Please see below table

8. Turnout
   Please see below table

9. Total Cost for each election
   Please see below table

10. Cost charge by balloting company for admin
    Please see below table

11. Cost charged for scrutineering including staff
    Please see below table
12. Costs for other services
   Please see below table

13. Any events or activities either social, marketing, CPD that your existing and potential ballot suppliers invite you to:
   We have not received any invitations to events or activities directly related to ERS. We do receive the occasional ‘marketing’ email from other independent scrutineers (balloting companies) but have not followed up their contact as currently satisfied with the service provided by ERS.
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<th>Public: Essex Mid and South</th>
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<th>Staff: Clinical</th>
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<td>3. Total number of eligible voters</td>
<td>9987</td>
<td>4646</td>
<td>2099</td>
<td>2290</td>
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<td>4. Number of ballots issued (if different from above)</td>
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<td>5. Number of votes cast</td>
<td>488</td>
<td>241</td>
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<td>6. Number of paper ballots</td>
<td>447</td>
<td>221</td>
<td>136</td>
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<td>1005</td>
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<td>7. Number of electronic ballots</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>8. Turnout</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
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