

Candidate Statements

Moira Elizabeth ADAMS 49 Charles Way, LIMEKILNS, Fife, KY11 3LH

I have lived in Fife for 35 years – my children were born, raised and educated in Fife and my grandchildren are now following in their footsteps. For the past seventeen years, in addition to working in our family business, I have been involved on a voluntary basis for a national patient advocacy organisation. During that time, I have accumulated a wealth of experience working alongside MSPs and health professionals. I understand the complex issues facing health boards in the current climate but I also understand that the most important person is the patient. As a former cancer patient, I know how important it is that services and protocols are in place when they are most needed. When I, or my family, are ill I want to know that the best possible care and treatment will be provided for us – and for everyone in Fife.

I am an avid supporter of the Scottish Parliament and believe that through the remarkable accessibility of our system, the Scottish people have an unprecedented opportunity to shape future health policy – these first-ever health board elections reinforce this philosophy. As an elected representative to the Board, I would ensure that FHB maintains a high – and equitable – standard of service for everyone. Patients' voices must be heard and their needs addressed. As a patient advocate, I have a wealth of experience in making my voice heard and I will work tirelessly throughout Fife on any issues which cause concern. I can be contacted by e-mail at moira.adams@btinternet.com.

Peter ADAMS 61 Dunrobin Road, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY2 5YT

I welcome the opportunity to stand for election as a representative of the people of Fife in this first election of Fife Health Board.

Since leaving the forces I have developed a wide range of interests within the area of Health and Wellbeing. Like many of the residents of Fife my family and friends have experienced a wide range of illnesses and a wide range of treatments both good and not so within the NHS system. No one can doubt the dedication of those at the front line who provide a sterling service.

As Scotland's largest employer the NHS uses the biggest share of the Nation's budget, but that money is not always used efficiently due to the many overlapping layers of bureaucracy and waste in the system. Medical staff should be at the heart of the NHS not bureaucrats and excessive managers. The money saved could be better spent on front line services and treatments.

If elected I would try to ensure the patient has priority and that the best options of treatment are available. There are many options of treatment widely used successfully around the world, which the NHS seems reluctant to consider while the pharmaceutical bill gets ever higher. This however must be part of a holistic approach which includes all aspects of treatments as well as social services support and life style considerations.



Ian Campbell ANDERSON 13 Main Street, Newmills, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 8SS

For some years now I have become increasingly frustrated with the Health Board's apparent inability to deliver the essential services that Fife's residents expect as standard from their NHS provider.

I welcome this new initiative to introduce a system where external candidates with fresh perspectives, relevant skills and experience can be voted on to the board, based on their merits, by the electorate.

As a retired professional engineer with over 20 year's experience in project management I believe I am well equipped to ensure NHS targets are met and the service that people expect is delivered.

The following summarises the attributes I would bring to the post :-

- A proven track record in delivering projects to time, programme and cost.
- Ensuring the right people, with the right responsibilities, are in position to do their jobs effectively
- Facilitating and chairing meetings effectively
- Promoting good and meaningful communications between management and the work force
- The ability to maintain a strategic overview of targets and objectives whilst ensuring that spending of available finances is transparent, accountable and focussed in areas most needed.

I look forward to taking part in the new electoral process and hope that you will support me in striving to provide an NHS service that the people of Fife deserve.

Susan ARCHIBALD 1 Keltyhill Avenue, KELTY, Fife, KY4 0LH

Susan Archibald is the Archibald of the House of Lords' landmark ruling Archibald v Fife Council which has strengthened the employment rights of people with disabilities.

Susan informed herself about the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), Employment Law, and discrimination issues before appealing under the Disability Discrimination Act and lost an Appeal, lost a Tribunal, lost in The Court of Session, before finally the Disability Rights Commission won her case in The House of Lords. The case from start to finish lasted over five years.

Susan has continued to work in a voluntary capacity for the last 11 years to influence policies, strengthen new and existing equality laws and secure better rights for people not just on a local level but also on a national and international level.

Susan is an Ambassador for the Independent Living Movement; Convener for Worktrack; and Vice Convener for Inclusion Scotland. Susan is a member of three Cross Party Working Groups in the Scottish Parliament on Disability, Mental Health, and Human Rights & Civil Liberties. Susan is also a member of the Steering Group Human Rights Consortium in Scotland, a member of DWP Equality Reference Group.

Susan brings lived life experience which can be incorporated into improving services that will benefit the people of Fife, she has become a disability specialist and I feel she would be an asset to Fife Health Board and would urge the people of Fife to give her their vote of approval.

Vote for Susan Archibald.

Jayne BAXTER 1 Blairadam Crescent, KELTY, Fife, KY4 0EZ

I am standing in this election because Fifers now have the opportunity to shape our health services for the future, and I believe I can make an effective contribution to that work.

I have lived and worked in Fife all my life, brought up my children, and cared for my parents and grandchildren. I have experienced Fife's health services as a patient, carer, and parent and I have seen excellent practice at all levels along with things that could be improved.

In the course of my working life I have worked with elderly people, children and young adults, and latterly in community and social policy. I have also maintained an active interest in my local community. My experiences have convinced me that good health services rely on more than the delivery of the highest standards of care, treatment and hygiene. These must be backed up with opportunities for healthier lifestyles, effective transport links to ensure that patients can get to appointments and visitors can get to hospital, and community based health and social care services working together to respond to local needs.

This election will not in itself make the Health Board more accountable unless the people who are elected will seek to make this happen. I am committed to keeping in touch with patients, staff, families and carers across Fife on a regular basis so that I can reflect the views of the people who matter, the people of Fife. I ask for your vote.



Harry BLYTH West Holm, 10 Sillerhole Road, LEVEN, Fife, KY8 5NB

I am standing for election to Fife Health Board to offer understanding and support to the people of Fife in delivering whatever is required to give dignity and support whenever the need is identified.

Having served as a Justice of the Peace for sixteen years and a Fife Councillor for eight years having responsibility for Cared for Children, Youth Justice and most importantly my Constituents gave me a great deal of pride in giving a better quality of life to many of Fife's vulnerable.

I also was a Governor of Glenrothes College and Adam Smith College and learned a great deal from young people's challenges to deal with their inspirations for their future.

I have since 2006 raised funds for Maggie's Fife on Maggie's Friday every December and I learned so much from people dealing with cancer and I get a great deal of satisfaction to Maggie's who offer much needed support and understanding to whoever asks.

I am an insulin diabetic over many years and the support I get from the diabetic unit is second to none and it is with this type of support I wish to join Fife Health Board.

If elected I will listen and learn whatever is required to deliver a service which will make every "FIFER" proud of their Health Service.

Jon BOLTON 3 Wemyss Court, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY7 4SX

I am standing for election to the NHS Fife Board as an independent candidate; I am not affiliated to any political party.

I am a qualified Social Worker and I am an associate lecturer at the University of Dundee. Before that, I was a relatively senior Social Work manager in Fife, where I specialised in communications and consultation. I have worked in close partnership with many organisations, including NHS Fife and Fife Constabulary.

I am fully committed to the principles of the NHS and have an active interest in the delivery of health services in Fife.

Communication is of key importance in any organisation and poor communications in the NHS are often the root cause of difficulties faced by both patients and staff. I have skills to make a contribution in this area and I'm also keen to help NHS Fife promote a culture of openness.

Patients need to have a greater say in the way hospital services are shaped and delivered and I strongly believe that there should be more active engagement of patients and their carers in the treatment and care they receive. I believe I can make a difference by acting as a catalyst for improving patient experiences through participation and advocacy.

I also believe I can offer an independent view to help NHS Fife deliver on their commitment to excellence in all areas.

I have good analytical skills, a lively curiosity, energy and commitment – all of which I feel would be required of a Board member.

Andrew BROWN 2 Carswell Place, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 9YJ

I wish to gain your support and hopefully your vote in order to be selected to the Board of NHS Fife. If successful, I would provide a service to the community by ensuring the efficient, effective and proper accountability of NHS Fife.

I do have personal experience which would be relevant if elected to the role of Board member. My relevant experience includes membership/appointment to the following health related bodies in previous years:

- Dunfermline Health Council
- Non-executive Director of The Fife Primary Care NHS Trust

I have also gained experience in health related issues and community matters when I served as an elected member of Fife Council until 2007.

I would much appreciate your vote, and if successful would carry out the role and the responsibility required for the benefit of the healthcare to the community of Fife.



Morris BROWN 4 Cadham Villas, Cadham Road, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY7 6PQ

Hi there

I am Morris Brown 31 years of age, I live in Glenrothes and was born in Forth Park hospital Kirkcaldy, I'm asking for your vote in the up coming Fife Health Board elections. For the first time you have a vote to decide who is looking after you and your family's interests within NHS Fife and 16 year olds have that vote too and rightly so!

Why me? In short it is because I care, but I better let you know more than that, I care about being a Fifer, I care about my partner and my family, about friends and their families. I care about the community of Fife and everyone in it and how it could be better for us all.

NHS Fife has a huge influence on our lives and I did not realise until lately, the vast scale of services provided.

Most of you will have used the services or know someone whose health needs were addressed locally. I worked for the NHS in a frontline post for over two years and saw, from the inside, the daily needs of hospital patients and staff, and now with your help I would like to use that experience on the Board

I am only a working man and I don't have experience of working on a board. Vote for me and put an ordinary citizen in the mix for a change. I care with passion and can commit on your behalf to the hard work ahead. Thanks Morris

Lesley CHILDS 17 Morar Court, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY6 2BT

I work as Information Officer at the Princess Royal Trust Fife Carers Centre and in common with all the staff there I have some caring experience.

I am very conscientious about any role I take on and will work hard to do a good job for all of us in the Fife Health Board Area. I will be objective and impartial but with around 60% of us likely to be carers at some point in our lives I feel it's very important that unpaid carers and those they care for have a clear voice speaking out and representing their interests at this level, my work and life experiences mean I have knowledge and understanding that will help others understand what "Partners in Care" really means for carers and those they interact with. Having travelled widely and used both private and NHS care and treatment I have a range of personal medical experiences to compare.

I'm very familiar with working in committee led and monitored activity, having previously worked alongside the military in a senior operations management role for almost 20 years and now with both NHS Fife and Fife Social Work in connection with my job. I feel this breadth of experience has given me the confidence to speak up knowledgably and to put across points effectively. The strengths I can bring to this role include having the ability to work flexibly and creatively with others within the restrictions of the post and having a strong aptitude for problem solving.

Ken COCHRAN The Lea Rig, Blebo Craigs, CUPAR, Fife, KY15 5UG

Raised in Fife, educated at Bell Baxter in Cupar and St Andrews University, I am 53 years old and run my own small business. Having lived overseas for several years and experienced a variety of health care providers, I am exceedingly proud of the NHS especially here in Fife, but it could be better. Above all it must be protected and enhanced as our lives depend on it.

A couple of years ago my father passed away having declined for a few years from dementia. He received excellent care from Fife NHS. My wife is a cancer survivor, and I have chronic health conditions myself which are well monitored and treated by my GP - we know first hand the value of good health care, especially the early detection and treatment of cancer and the value to our lives of caring and professional health services.

My priorities would be to help reduce waiting times for diagnosis and treatment, and to increase screening programmes and the availability in Fife of NHS dentistry.

For more candidate details please see www.cupar.org/kcochran/



Jim COOK 32 Boreland Road, Inverkeithing, Fife, KY11 1DA

Dear Elector,

As a family man using the NHS service in Fife I expect that service to be top class and it is, but the Health Board has to have members who are vigilant, who ask questions and who ensure that all the folks in Fife continue to have a top class service. This is your opportunity, for the first time, to elect members to that Board. I have put forward my name for your consideration because I feel that I have the qualities and experience to look after your interests. I am experienced in Medical & Dental matters and hospital Administration having been a Sick Berth Attendant in the Royal Navy. I am a member of the Patients Panel in my GP Practice, a Lay Reviewer with QOF, which entails reviewing Quality & outcomes framework with GP Practices in Fife, and I represent the public on the Primary Care Emergency Service Group which is responsible for the monitoring of the out of hours service in Fife.

I have also had experience in Admin & Finance as Burgh Chamberlain in Inverkeithing and Depute Director of Housing in Dunfermline District before taking early retirement. I have had experience of committees as a retired Local Councillor, with my local Rotary Club, Highland Games, political work etc. If elected I would give your problems my undivided attention. I can be contacted on (01323) 413273 or by E-Mail jimar@talk21.com

Calum Addison COULTER 9 Sir Thomas Elder Way, Hollybrae, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY2 6ZR

I am a married, father of one living in Kirkcaldy. I work as a senior manager with Citizens Advice Scotland. As part of this work I have experience of leadership, staff management, large budget management and providing management support for its governance board and committees. I am university educated with an honours degree in Applied Social Studies, focusing in social policy specifically health and housing policy. I also have a postgraduate master's degree in Information Technology with this subject forming most of my post academic professional experience. My experience of the NHS has been from perspectives of professional contractor, volunteer and patient. As a database contractor I worked for Inverclyde Royal Hospital on a colposcopy database. As a volunteer I have been one of the first two lay members of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, Clinical Governance and Safety Committee. I have attended and worked with this committee for the past year. As a cancer patient I received treatment in Ayrshire, Glasgow and now in remission, receiving monitoring in Fife/Lothian. My other experiences of voluntary public service have been gained by election to Crombie Community Council, election to Kirkcaldy North Community Council and volunteering at Aberdour Primary School Parent Council. I present myself as an experienced individual with a wide interest in public service. I am also independent of any party political allegiance which reduces any risk of my decision making on your behalf being politically biased in any way. Thank you for your consideration.

Aaron Scott CRICHTON 39 Gellatly Road, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY11 4BH

Hello,

My name is Aaron Crichton and I am standing to represent your interests on Fife Health Board. I currently volunteer with the Abbeyview Forum in Dunfermline representing the interests of the local community. Whilst doing this I have been involved with working with locally elected representatives and council officials.

I feel that I can bring my experiences that I have gained working for this organisation to help further the needs and requirements of health care for the residents of Fife.

As a current user of facilities in Fife, I believe this chance of greater democracy where we the public have a say in what is going on in OUR Health Board will bring our Health provision into line with what is needed in Fife.



James DAVIDSON 18 Montrave Crescent, LEVEN, Fife, KY8 4EG

To whom it may concern,

I would like you to consider me as a candidate for Fife Health Board Election.

I am happy to represent all the people of Fife, no matter what football team you support, and if successful, (watch this space).

Yours J.T.D.

P.S. 'LESS IS MORE'

Simon FEVRE Address, 32 Main Street, THORNTON, Fife. KY1 4AF

My name is Simon Fevre, I am 47 years of age and live in Thornton with my wife and 2 children. I have worked within the Health Service for 24 years as a Dietitian in Glasgow and for the past 17 years in Fife. I have been a previous member of Fife Health Board for 8 years representing the staff on the Board up until November 2009 when my term of office ended.

I wish to be elected to Fife Health Board again in order to support NHS Fife through the challenging times that are inevitable following the economic downturn. There have been significant service improvements in the NHS in Fife over the past few years but the squeeze on public finances will make it difficult to deliver continued first class services with less money. We need to ensure that we improve services throughout Fife, from hospital based services, to those delivered to patients in the community, those with mental health problems, those with learning difficulties and many more.

I believe my experience as a clinician, service user, staff member and previous Board member will be vital in taking the service forward in the context of the financial challenges that lie ahead. The NHS is always changing and it is the duty of Board members to ensure that it changes in order to improve the health of the Fife population. I will strive to do this if elected.

Keith GEDDES 12 Woodmill Terrace, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY11 4SR

Keith lives in Dunfermline with his partner Lorna and their son Glenn.

An experienced decision maker, he served on the Boards of the Accounts Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage. As a councillor he was elected President of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

He works as a public policy analyst with Pagoda PR, an employee owned company.

Keith says; "The NHS is facing major financial challenges. Even if the Scottish Government index linked health expenditure to inflation, the demands arising from Fife's ageing population, the obesity epidemic and extra costs associated with technological change would mean that the health budget would fail to meet demand.

In this context I believe that NHS Fife should have three core strategic priorities;

- Firstly, make sure that resources are targeted towards front line services;
- Secondly, continue to work towards a patient centred NHS where professional barriers are broken down to allow for new and creative ways of delivering NHS services more efficiently through partnership working. For example the pharmacy profession has shown that it can do much to reduce pressure on GPs through the Minor Ailments Service;
- Thirdly, develop a preventative health strategy to tackle obesity and other illnesses and in doing so help stop unnecessary and expensive hospital admissions.

If elected I will report annually to Fifers on my contribution to the Board."



Sandy GEDDIE 68 Carleton Avenue, Woodside, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY7 5AJ

I offer myself for election to Fife Health Board. I am sceptical that increasing the numbers and expense of members is progressive. 'Too many cooks'.

The nomination and voting systems may produce thousands of candidates and create mind boggling complexities for transferring votes; prone to challenge.

There is no such thing as a 'free' health service.

As an 'open ward' patient, I personally experienced NHS Fife at its abysmal worst and excellent best. Having been hospitalised both in a foreign country and a different UK Health Board area, I can make comparisons. Some are complimentary towards NHS Fife.

My opinions:

Nurse training should be more patient orientated, with observation of, and listening to patients being emphasised. The 'that's not my job' syndrome must be eliminated. With some exceptions, attitudes must change.

A thinning out of management structures should be prescribed, to improve focus and efficiency.

Some of Fife's surgeries can improve appointment availability with GPs. There are concerns about the out of hours service.

The value of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy seems underrated, and requires more staff. This may also apply to Pathology laboratories and services.

Provision for Mental Health is a continuing necessity.

Good advice on management techniques may be available from our excellent Scottish Ambulance Service. If elected, I would work towards achieving action on these views.

Margaret Mary HARPER 63A Pittenweem Road, ANSTRUTHER, Fife, KY10 3DT

My family and I have lived in the East Neuk of Fife within the town of Anstruther for 22 years. I am married to Bob and we have a daughter and a grand-daughter. Currently I am employed by Tayside NHS Board. My career began as a Staff Nurse within the wards of Ninewells and Kingscross Hospitals in Dundee, I then moved onto working within the Clinical Governance team for the Acute Services Division.

My role was to ensure I worked and consulted with the patients, public and carers to improve and develop the services we provided for the residents within Tayside and North East Fife. I have recently taken up a new post as a Project Officer for Workforce Planning and Development. From the 1st May 2006 until 30th April 2010, I had been a Non-Executive member of the Tayside NHS Board by virtue of my role as Employee Director.

As Employee Director I was the chairperson of the Trade Unions and Professional Bodies and had a duty to all the staff members who work to provide a high standard of practice and service for the residents of Tayside and North East Fife.

I firmly believe in the NHS principles and if elected will use my experience from working within the NHS to assist Fife NHS Board to continue to provide a high level of services to the residents of Fife. I further believe as residents of Fife we should have local voices and knowledge on the Health Board

Alison Mary HENDERSON 132 Elgin Drive, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY6 2JS

I believe I would be an excellent board member because I care passionately about people's health and in particular that ordinary everyday people should have a say in how the NHS in Fife is run and how it affects them. In recent years due to health problems I have needed a lot of NHS care. I have had both positive and negative experiences. I would like to build on the positive and address and improve the negative ones.

I believe that 'Joe public' should have a direct say in their care. People should always receive the highest quality of care, be treated as an individual with individual needs and have a say in their care and treatment, waiting times need to be reduced and more time, privacy and dignity given to all patients. Also there needs to be improved facilities for disabled patients. Some basic healthcare checks are impossible to be carried out on wheelchair patients in GP surgeries so they have the expense and stress of having to travel to hospital.

Now that my health has improved I am a stronger person and wish to stand up for the rights of everyone to have a say and receive a high quality of care.

If elected I promise to voice the opinion of every individual to receive the care they deserve.

Alastair HOGBEN 28 Station Road, Springfield, CUPAR, Fife, KY15 5RU

My top priority as a member of Fife NHS Board will be to focus on delivering a caring and compassionate health service through a clean and safe care environment. This is a fundamental basic that every member of Fife expects and deserves - the highest standard of care and service from "your" local Health Board. In doing so, I will work to look after you and your families care and ensure that NHS Fife works with you to keep you well. I aim to provide the provision of care so that it meets the individual needs of our patients. Providing better health care to the population of Fife also requires us to work better together - with our patients, carers, GPs, pharmacies, clinicians, nurses, allied healthcare professionals, Fife Council and Voluntary Organisations.

My key priorities are:

1. A caring and compassionate health care service in Fife
2. Clean and safe care environments
3. Better access to care and improved continuity of care
4. Closer working and communication with you and your families
5. To build increased confidence and trust in our health services
6. Delivering clinical excellence
7. Increase efficiency across NHS Fife
8. Reduce Waiting Times
9. Provide timely, reliable and specific information when and where you need it
10. Drive value for money

And all of these issues share one thing in common: in order to fully address them, we have to do more together to strengthen and deepen NHS Fife's relationships with you and your family.

David John HUGHES-HALLET The Old School, Back Latch, CERES, Fife, KY15 5NT

I want to use my skills and experience to make a difference - to get the best possible health care for you and all the people of Fife. I live in and was born in Fife. I chair two Fife charities. I am a qualified Chartered Surveyor. For 10 years I was Chief Executive of a major Scottish voluntary organisation. I have 17 years experience as a member of different Boards of public bodies in Scotland. Consequently I have experience of the following, all very relevant for a member of Fife Health Board:

- Strategic decision making
- Prioritisation of financial resources
- Meeting Government performance targets
- Business planning
- Good governance of public bodies
- Audit Committees of public bodies
- Working on a Board of 25 people - a large number, not easy to make it effective

I am particularly interested in:

- Health improvement in the community. It makes sense to encourage healthier lifestyles, so that people have less need of health care. I have long experience of access to the countryside and creation of footpaths, through use of which people can improve their health
 - Good communication with patients, when they are in hospital or otherwise using the health service
- Matching the available resources in the NHS to everyone's expectations is a big challenge - a challenge I am keen to contribute to - and I have the time to do so.

Please let me have your vote.

Ade JOHNSON 36 Whyteman's Brae, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2LE

As the father of two girls, married, an independent candidate, living and working in Fife, I want to contribute to the positive future of NHSFife. I have years of experience working in the field of promoting equality, diversity, anti-discrimination in the Kingdom of Fife both the Public and Voluntary Sector.

In my experience in working and contributing in this field, I have received a lot of complaints from vulnerable groups in the community such as the disabled, elderly, LGBT and BME communities about access to services, length of time on the waiting list, cultural and religious awareness and access to medical drugs. These are all issues that can be addressed and this is why I am asking you to nominate me as a director.

With all the politician and political parties saying that they are going to protect front line services, of which I believe NHS Fife is. With the big economic squeeze and budget cuts the country is facing, I will work towards preventing a front line service squeeze. The services that matters, such as access to medical drugs, access to medical services for the disabled, elderly and patients with long term conditions and home visits (by health visitors). This is one of the reasons why I want to be nominated as a board director so that the cuts will be done smartly and not affect the key frontline services.

If elected I will work towards NHS Fife communicating better with its community and patients and promote best practise.

David JOLLIE The Ranch, Spalefield, Balhousie Road, ANSTRUTHER, Fife, KY10 3LB

I, like most other people wonder why how a health service with proper and sizeable funding cannot give a proper service to it's users. We hear of hospitals in our area that are not clean and you risk catching viruses when you are a patient reducing your chances of a good recovery. Nurses, doctors and consultants who examine patients often without gloves or proper clothing they often go on the wards in the clothes they were wearing at home. Hospitals and clinics who when you phone them nobody answers your call leaving it to an answering machine. High amounts of money often wasted on other things not patient care is why the NHS is there myself I would hope members of the Health Board would correctly police resources to the end they were intended, to the patients and the constant care needed to keep a healthy public. Often within the NHS it would seem it's easier to just plod on in the same old ways, after all they get paid whether they do things correctly or not. Wasted money, low patient care, dirty practices, its easy to just agree, than try and solve the problems patient care and follow up is not N.H.S (Fife) priority at the present time. Board Members should not just be yes men or women they should make a difference to the bad press the NHS gets - in my experience 35 years running a business correctly makes a good candidate - listen to the people!

Gaye KELLY 104 Mid Street, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2PN

My name is Gaye Kelly. I am 44 years old and I have lived in Fife all my life. I have been working in the Voluntary Sector for 7 years now. I currently deliver a Fife-Wide specialist outreach service for a large Scottish Charity. During my career I have had the opportunity to work closely with specialists in many fields, including the NHS. I feel this has given me a good insight into the health needs of individuals and groups in Fife.

I have a deep interest and commitment to actively ensuring the needs of all are met through the ongoing improvement and delivery of first-class health services in Fife. If I am elected I feel I would be able to make a significant and positive contribution to the leading and directing of Healthcare services in Fife. I think the concept of balanced representation on the Board of NHS Fife is a sound, forward thinking strategy. The election of members of the general public onto the Board of NHS Fife must surely be a positive step towards assuring you, the residents of Fife, that your opinions will be taken into consideration regarding the provision of your healthcare locally in your community.

Finally, thanks for taking the time to read this and consider my candidacy.



Bill KETCHION 69 Lady Nairn Avenue, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2AR

D.O.B. 10-4-1934

Employed at Victoria Hospital (Phase One), 1960-Late 1965.

Passionate about having a N.H.S. that serves the most vulnerable in our society, that is the sick.

KENNEDY Brian William Riddoch 1 Woodhead Farm Road, CULROSS, Fife, KY12 8EQ

I am Brian Kennedy and I put myself forward as a candidate for NHS Fife Health Board (FHB).

Along with my family, I have lived and grown up in Fife and as such we have a broad experience of the services of Fife NHS, both in respect of bringing up a family and with having elderly parents.

I worked in Fife for 35 years as a Community Worker involved in Community Centre, Schools and Colleges. I went on to spend 15 years working in Edinburgh, managing education centres, in both roles I worked closely with all members of the communities. I worked in partnership with many agencies involved in the well being of members of the communities to provide programmes that met the needs of the communities.

During my roles I have been involved in numerous community based NHS projects from "No Smoking" to "Best Buddies" – a project designed to help young mums to breast feed their babies. I have been involved in initiating projects to managing programmes that deliver benefits such as – positively encouraging young people and others to participate in outdoor activities and physical exercises.

I am not a member of any political party and as such I would be responsible for and accountable to the aims and objectives of the FHB. I have numerous years experience on Boards, Local Committees, National Committees ensuring that objectives are delivered. For these reasons and experiences I put myself forward as a nominee for the NHS FHB.

Ian Edward LOWLES The Roundel, Southfield Mill, Balmullo, ST. ANDREWS, Fife, KY16 0BP

I am a 61 year old retired NHS consultant. I practiced for 18 years at the Borders General Hospital after I was appointed to commission the maternity services.

As well as my clinical responsibilities I developed an interest in medical politics and administration chairing the Senior Medical Staff Committee, the Area Medical Committee and the Area Clinical Forum and was appointed to the Board of NHS Borders serving on the Clinical Governance and Ethical subcommittees. I was also appointed to several national and regional committees. This gave me a wealth of experience and insight into the working of the NHS allowing me to interact with patients, managers and staff at all levels and help shape the delivery of services to the community.

Following retirement we moved to Fife and I am now an honorary clinical teacher at St Andrews University and serve on the Clinical Governance Committee of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service. Board Members must ensure that all the Board's services are delivered effectively and to the highest standard possible and all governance and corporate responsibilities are fulfilled by the executive. All Board Members must remember that the NHS is patient focussed and centred.

An open mind and the ability to listen and make decisions after considering and debating all options on the facts presented and researched is essential.

I feel that with my previous experience at Health Board level I can contribute to shaping the services for NHS Fife and ask for your support.



Murdo Alexander MacDONALD 39 Kilrymont Road, ST. ANDREWS, Fife, KY16 8DE

As a family man with adult children and grandchildren I feel it is important in these ever changing times, with economic restraints, to have a local and broad-based input into the continuation of our N.H.S. With 19 years employed by one of the largest Insurance companies (in Glasgow and London) followed by 23 running my own successful insurance brokerage in St. Andrews I have a broad knowledge of large organisations as well as the necessary restraints required to build a business from grass roots.

Having sold my business 3 years ago and aged 61 I still have the energy and drive to be a useful addition to the N.H.S. Board. During my time in St. Andrews I have been involved with:-

1. the local Community Centre for 13 years, several of those as the Chairperson of the Management Committee
2. I was appointed to the Board of the Students Union for a period of 3 years (I believe I was the first person to be involved without previous links to the University)
3. Community Council for 11 years holding post as Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson then Chairperson plus other sub-committee duties
4. the early days of discussions concerning the building of the new St. Andrews hospital (I attended many of the steering group meetings)

With the future economic position being uncertain it is in everyone's interest that suitable personnel are elected. I have the experience and time to be an asset to the N.H.S. Board.

John Gay MacKENZIE Halcyon, 35 Lady Nairn Avenue, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2AW

Good healthcare services do not simply exist: rather, they have to be carefully created and nurtured and that's why I'm offering my skills, knowledge and experience for this vitally important role.

I firmly believe Fifers deserve a Health Board which genuinely listens to local people and responds sensitively to their needs and priorities. Additionally, it must be approachable and contain strong, influential voices motivated to improve our health and wellbeing. I trust my own track record of working tirelessly for others, successful representation and ultimately securing positive change, speaks for itself. Crucially, I am passionate about delivering health improvement for all and tackling inequalities. This can only be achieved, however, through effective partnership working. Together we are indeed stronger! My broad range of experience (comprising paid and voluntary work) is at both local and national levels:

- UNISON steward - branch and regional
- Fife Health Council member – 5 years
- Trustee of a charity dedicated to improving Scottish men's health
- Member of the Mental Health Tribunal, Scotland
- Lay Partner to the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the Health Professions Council –ensuring competent and safe healthcare for the public
- Fife Councillor – 2003-2007. Fairness, compassion and a sense of mutual responsibility are values I cherish and attempt to uphold. In challenging financial times, such as these, they assume a special significance. In asking for your support, I pledge to work hard on your behalf, put patients before targets and to vigorously represent your concerns.



Steven MARWICK 8 Union Street, Markinch, Fife, KY7 6AD

I am 30 years old and live in Markinch. I was diagnosed with Osteoporosis at the age of 25 and have had cause to use the NHS facilities in Fife on numerous occasions because of breaks and fractures relating to this condition.

I am standing for election to the Board of NHS Fife because I want to ensure that the quality of care I have received remains available to everyone in the coming years. I will work hard with all other members of the NHS Board and senior management to ensure that the improvements that have been made over the last few years continue.

I support the founding principles of the NHS - that treatment should be free at the point of need - and I pledge that this will be my overriding priority if elected to NHS Fife Board.

If I am elected to the Board of NHS Fife I pledge:

- Never to claim expenses for either food or travel
- To work to minimise cuts to front line services
- To try to ensure that the quality of treatment is everything it should be
- To support fair access to NHS facilities Fife-wide
- To encourage awareness of hospital acquired infections such as MRSA and C.difficile and ensure that tackling them remains a priority.

Peter McCARRON 31 Dullomuir Drive, KELTY, Fife, KY4 0LJ

I am keen to serve as a member of Fife Health Board because I feel strongly that the Patient's voice is heard. Due to an accident at work I have had significant experience in Primary Care, Orthopaedic, Pain and Neuropathic services.

I became a member of Pain Association Scotland in 2005 and now serve on their National Management Committee. This has given me a much wider view of the NHS throughout Scotland. I am particularly keen that the new agreed Scottish Service Model for Chronic Pain (developed by Scottish Government Chronic Pain Steering Committee and agreed by Regional Planning Chief Executive Subgroup) is implemented.

Some of my experiences have been positive and others less so. I meet a lot of people who have concerns about their health and often find that I am helping them to steer their way through the NHS. This involves sharing more information and dealing with negative misconceptions.

Over the years I have been on a journey from a frightened, angry Patient to redefining myself as an active positive person again. The journey has taught me a great deal about what the NHS is and isn't and maybe something about what it should be.

I realise that there is a need for an intelligent considered approach to improving services where Clinicians, Managers and Patients work together to improve things.

I would now like to give something back to help others who might be struggling and help the NHS to help them.

Jason McGILVRAY 18 Lochleven Gardens, LOCHORE, Fife, KY5 8EZ

I am a candidate standing up for the everyday users of the health service. I think there is a growing need to assess the needs of a modern health service. I will ensure that the health service is a fair and balanced service offered to all and paid for through your contributions in prescription charges and in National Insurance. The current state of the health service offered in Fife is at risk from cuts in vital services that many of us use every day. That is why today I am asking you to vote for me to ensure that the health service keeps functioning in all areas from care for the elderly and disabled to groundbreaking treatments from a first class team of workers. The best way forward for the NHS is to be in contact with the public at every stage of debate which is why I would use my vote to ensure it's heard. I have qualifications in areas of counselling and health issues relating to both budgeting and mental health treatment. I will make it the responsibility of the board to listen to the popular consensus of the public view on all major issues. With me on your board you can ensure you have a member who can recall our original belief on what the NHS provided and also how that responsibility is much more important now that it has grown into a vital service in our national identity.



Anne McGOVERN 20 Main Street, Newmills, DUNFERMLINE Fife, KY12 8SS

I was born and raised in Fife, and live in Newmills. Until he died in 1997 I was carer for my husband, who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis. As we continually had to fight for health and social care services to meet his complex needs, he persuaded me to stand as Councillor to help others in similar circumstances. In my role as Councillor and ultimately Council Leader, I learned of the needs of people in communities across Fife. I ensured that services, particularly those for elderly people, people with disabilities or mental health problems, were delivered locally, increasingly with NHS. Perhaps you or someone you know uses these services and knows how important they are.

I retired as Councillor in 2007 and successfully applied for a position on NHS Fife Board. I used my sound understanding as Councillor, patient and carer to challenge policies until I understood their impact across Fife. NHS Fife faces many challenges and severe financial pressures. If elected, I will:

- Ensure work at Victoria Hospital is completed and the right services provided at Queen Margaret Hospital
- Ensure standards of cleanliness, especially in hospitals, improves and infections reduce
- Request additional services be delivered closer to the patient, avoiding lengthy journeys
- Ensure that appropriate services are planned as more of us become elderly

I have always worked to improve people's quality of life. With your vote I will continue to do this through my commitment to NHS Fife. For more details visit www.annemcgovern.net

Chris MITCHELL 74 Pettycur Road, KINGHORN, Fife, KY3 9RW

I believe in local democracy. For the first time, this election makes your Health Board directly responsible to you, its users and tax-payers.

So why me? I come from a family of nurses. My first job was hospital cleaning. Now I manage research and consultation in another public service. For 23 years, I have lived in Fife, raising a family who at times have called on GPs, hospitals and specialists. I cared for elderly parents, relying on vital NHS, Social Work and voluntary services. My own active life and maturing age has brought experience of A&E and hospital care. I also chaired a patient support group. So I know as parent, carer and patient why the NHS is so important for us all, and I know how it can work well with partners.

I also volunteer: • as a coastguard and former lifeboat crew member

- on Fife's fostering and adoption panel
- on the Area Committee of the Co-operative Group

My expectations of the NHS are like many other Fifers':

- care
- quality
- reasonable waiting

I believe passionately in an NHS free at the point of use to all. Yes we face tough spending prospects, but more important is what we do with resources we have. It is unacceptable that people could die 15 years younger in some parts of Fife than others. Our local services must work together for a long and healthy life for all. With your support, I will try to help deliver that.





Arthur MacGregor MORRIS 9 Strathkinness High Road, ST. ANDREWS, Fife, KY16 9UA

I am a Consultant Surgeon and worked for Tayside Health Board from 1975 before retiring from the NHS in 2001.

I now work in an honorary capacity as a part-time volunteer for a Reconstructive Surgery Charity in Ghana and Honorary Senior Lecturer to the Bute Medical School at St Andrews University.

My close experience of the NHS includes 4 years as Chairman of the Scottish Council of the British Medical Association, 4 years as Lead Clinician of the Scottish Managed Clinical Network for Cleft Lip and Palate Services and 3 years as a Clinical Group Director in Tayside University Hospital Trust.

I am particularly interested in ensuring that NHS care is delivered as close as possible to the patient's home and that hospital treatment is preferably on an out-patient or day-case basis if appropriate.

Services should be delivered in high quality, efficient, safe, friendly and welcoming facilities. This means improving primary care services. Prevention of accidents and healthcare acquired infection is a top priority.

I have been a member of the Scottish Liberal Democrats for many years.

As a husband, father and grandfather with two young granddaughters I have close personal and family experience of the workings of the NHS in Scotland and Fife and am a firm supporter of the NHS. With my experience and insight as a patient and doctor working in the National Health Service I am in a good position to make a valuable contribution as a Member of Fife Health Board.

Arthur Inglis MORRISON 33 Hawskmuir, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2PW

I was born in Aberdeenshire but my father was a Fifer from Milnathort. I love Fife, its towns, country, castles, countryside, diversity, architecture and people. Most of all living here in Kirkcaldy. When this opportunity on Fife Health Board arose I was intrigued. It was a chance to put the skills I have built up in my career to a good cause and make a difference.

I studied Architecture initially but graduated in 1974 from Strathclyde University with BA in Politics and Psychology where I specialised in public policy analysis. Later I gained a Masters in Computer Science from Dundee University. My first job was in Management Services in British Steel where I became an expert in computer based cost and scheduling. From Teeside I went to work for Fluor Corporation in Saudi Arabia and subsequently in London. Thereafter my career took off in computing and I became a developer and systems designer in Space, Urban Traffic Control and Banking and Financial systems for top companies across Europe.

Latterly I founded and was CTO of a banking technology company in Fife in 1995 that was grown to a multi million pound company with offices in Dubai, North Carolina and in Dunfermline. I therefore have proven IT and business skills and would bring this expertise as well as skills in logistics and planning to this position and would love to assist, advise and caution the NHS here in Fife to get best value and a sound strategic direction.

Claire MORRISON 33 Hawskmuir, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2PW

My name is Claire Morrison from Hilversum in Holland but have lived here in Fife for many years. I studied computing and latterly obtained qualifications in Business Administration and Personnel Management at Fife College. My jobs have included working for Fife Racial Equality Council for a number of years and for the NHS in a smoking cessation role working with people with mental ill health. In the meantime I co-founded an ran very successfully an international women's group here in Fife which later became the Multicultural Group. I also worked part time as a Dutch interpreter for the Fife Community Interpreting Service a number of years. My main strength and passion is working with marginalised communities. I have always looked at empowering and enhancing peoples skills and how people could stand up for themselves.

I see myself as working well with people and being very good at understanding the problems and barriers that disadvantaged/marginalised people face not just dealing with the NHS but in their daily lives. I am very accessible and a good listener and would hope to represent the views of the disadvantaged/marginalised people in Fife in the NHS at Board Level as a balance to having people with a more technical or managerial focus. As I have worked for the NHS I feel I can contribute positively in expressing the hopes and fears of these communities and feed back how various new initiatives may fare in reality on the ground.





Allan MURRAY 44 Napier Road, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY6 1DS

I am a retired Police Officer and presently Chair of Rimpleton and South Parks Residents Association, Glenrothes. I am also Treasurer of Glenrothes Area Residents Federation and have recently been involved in preventing Fife Council from accessing an area of grassland to the north of Jubilee Grove, Very Sheltered Housing Complex, Glenrothes, which they proposed to use as a Car Park. My reason for becoming involved in this objection was primarily my concern for the Health and Well Being of the elderly residents. I have also recently been a patient within a hospital in Fife and from that experience, if I am elected, I will try and prevent the treatment I was subjected to, happening to you. I have no political allegiances and I seek your support in being elected to the Health Board of Fife where I assure you that I will put the Public first.

Elaine Nicole NER 153 Townhill Road, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 0DP

Dear Voter,

I believe that the NHS in Fife is the most valuable resource available to us. I also believe that this opportunity for ordinary people to be on the board is an important step forward in positively developing services within our region. That is why I am standing in this election.

I believe I am the ideal candidate for this position. But it is not what I believe that is important - it is what you believe too. Because I would not only be speaking for myself, but on behalf of the thousands of people who live in Fife and use NHS services.

I believe I have the experience to fulfil this role better than anyone else. I have been a member of the Board at Lauder College during 2005-2007 in the unique role of representing the thousands of students who attend that institution. I have worked in nursing homes and all five of my children and both of my grandchildren were born in Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy. I protested when Dunfermline Maternity was closed and have taken an interest in the services that have been and have not been offered at various hospitals within the region.

I believe that as someone who came close to death after contracting meningitis, the NHS in Fife was fundamental in ensuring that I am able to run in this election today and I would like the opportunity to give back.

I believe your interests will be best served if you vote for me.

Dawn NORTON 18 Croft-an-Righ, KINGHORN, Fife, KY3 9XX

I am a forty three year old single parent with two teenage boys. I am also a full time carer for one of my sons, who has profound special needs. I was born and brought up in Fife.

I have had contact with various services within health in relation to my son and other members of my family. I have also experienced health provision abroad. My experience has been both positive and negative and I now feel strongly that I wish to be involved in promoting the best possible health for all in Fife.

I have some experience of business having started and run my own small business. I have had various types of employment mainly connected with dealing with the public and believe myself to be an organised competent person. My caring responsibilities prevent me taking up employment at the moment but I am keen to make a significant contribution to my community.

I believe that my experience of caring for my son will bring a different aspect to the Board although I am very aware of the need for impartiality and objectivity.

Anne O'BRIEN 6 Park Place, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 7QJ

I have for the past decade lived in Dunfermline, where I spent my teenage years.

After Edinburgh University, I spent 13 years as a civil servant, working mainly on health service policy and planning, covering GP, hospital and public health services. I thus have a grounding in the fundamentals of NHS provision and the considerations that inform policy formulation.

From 1974, my family lived in Belgium and I worked voluntarily with our daughters' school, finally becoming President of Inter-Parents, the umbrella organization of the European Schools' parents associations. Subsequently, I was translator and English text-editor to a Europe-wide education information network. I am now secretary to Dunfermline Arts Guild and an active member of the Scottish Liberal Democrats. In Belgium, our family experienced the insurance-based health service model, administratively different but organizationally similar to ours. Preventive medicine is well-developed there – aimed to replace an 'ill-health service' with a concept of positive health and resulting economies.

I strongly advocate

- the provision in Dunfermline of hospital services appropriate to a community of some 100 000;
- the integration of health and personal social services, which should be complementary;
- rapid access to both diagnostic and therapeutic services;
- wider application of IT, to expedite communications between GPs, hospitals and patients. This novel experiment and the prospect of working with people of varied backgrounds and ages attract me. I have the time and energy and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to improving the NHS under Fife Health Board.

Kevin O'NEIL 23 Roods Crescent, INVERKEITHING, Fife, KY11 1AR

Our Health Service matters.

Now you have the chance to vote for someone to represent you on Fife Health Board.

I want to work with you and for you. To help keep the health services we all rely on in good shape.

Those who provide our health services should be answerable to the people they care for. As a directly elected member of the Health Board I would be accountable to you as a resident of Fife - and not a Government minister in Edinburgh.

The NHS cares for us – let's care for the NHS.

However, I believe that we should also be looking for health services that works to keep us well, not just treat us when we aren't. This would ease the pressure on many of our acute services and improve people's quality of life.

IF YOU ELECT ME TO THE HEALTH BOARD I'LL WORK TO IMPROVE EXISTING PROVISION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

I am employed as a Trade Union official and am used to lobbying politicians, of all parties, at Local, Scottish and UK level. I'm used to actively consulting and responding to peoples needs.

In my spare time I've raised over £12 000 for Cancer Research UK, CHAS, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland through long distance cycle runs and charity walks.

The NHS is something that we can all be proud of, let's keep it that way.

Please Vote Kevin O'Neil - 1 on your ballot paper For further information please visit

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Ron PARSONS 9 Penrice Park, Lundin Links, LEVEN, Fife, KY8 6DZ

I am putting myself forward for election to the Fife Health Board as a general member of the public. I have no affiliation to any organisation and my only interest is to contribute all I can to improving the service of the NHS from the patient point of view. I believe in the NHS as a concept but know it still has some way to go to meet the expectations of the patient both in the acute and primary care fields. The NHS has made major improvements in the recent years both in cancer and heart disease because of major investment in these areas. I think there now needs to be a more concerted effort to address the needs of the elderly. I am very interested in areas that affect their quality of life. Joined up home care management between the NHS and social services and reduced waiting lists in acute surgery for joint replacements are two examples.

I am currently a volunteer serving as a patient representative on several NHS primary care committees for the Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth area. I am a volunteer helper and driver for the Fife Society for the Blind and a helper for the Leven Blind Group. I am also a patient representative for Scotland's Intercollegiate Guidelines Network.

I hope I can count on your vote and, if elected, would continue to the best of my ability to be the patient's champion on all decisions made by the board.

Carole PATRICK 9 Station Court, LEVEN, Fife, KY8 4RR

Good health is arguably one of the two elements - learning opportunities being the other - that lead to an improved quality of life for everyone. NHS Fife is central to the Health element and I am standing for Election to the Board because I care about health and wellbeing issues and would like to support the development of a healthy future.

I would be new to the Board and could offer enthusiasm, a different perspective and fresh ideas; if elected I would work hard to play a part in bringing a strong and flexible health service to people in Fife. However, NHS Fife can't do it all on its own. It needs an active partnership with individuals and communities. If we can take steps to avoid poor health, and NHS Fife can support people to remain healthy and prevent health problems, then we can free up resources for those needing hospital services, and health professionals could concentrate on those in most need.

I'm from Leven and have lived in Fife for most of my life. Working in a management and development role for a Fife-wide Charity/Voluntary Organisation, my job involves supporting community groups, voluntary activity and gives me the chance to meet people from all walks of life. I also work in partnership with other organisations. I'm not involved in party politics, I just believe good health matters and I would encourage people to vote in this new election which will help to shape the future of NHS Fife.

Antony John PAYNE 17 Lakeside Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY2 5QJ

I am an independent thinker not affiliated in any way to a political party. My broad range of skills is most appropriate for the needs of board members for the Health Board Area of Fife.

I am currently chair of The Ecology Centre located in Kinghorn, I have been the chair for 5 years and on the board for 6. The Ecology Centre is a centre of excellence where we work with disadvantaged and vulnerable persons and volunteers. This is in addition to our main work of environmental education targeted at younger members of society. We are very much community based with most of our work based in Fife but we have an increasing international reputation.

I am a retired IT consultant. I have also founded two UK companies that have been involved with computer software and hardware design targeting the manufacturing sector. Previously I worked with large multinational companies such as ITT, Philips, and Hughes. I have worked mainly in product and programme management in areas of leading edge technology.

I have experienced and benefited from the skills of the NHS in Scotland at first hand, having suffered a serious illness in January 2000. This experience has driven me to try to give a little bit back to society in return for the NHS saving my life.

I am married with two sons, one of whom is a medical doctor employed by Edinburgh University. I have a degree in electronic engineering and a PhD.



Elizabeth Isobel POW 50 Forest Place, Townhill, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 0EP

Dear Elector, As a mother and grandmother living in Fife for 40 years, I have first hand experience of using a wide range of NHS Services and understand the real need to ensure these services are of the highest quality and accessible. Working for Fife council for 17 years, I know how important it is for housing and community services to connect with health services to provide seamless care, but also to prevent illness happening in the first place.

I recognise how essential it is to start with our young, giving them the best possible chance in life and continuing providing for our most elderly and vulnerable.

For all of this, I believe the key is listening to the views of patients and actively responding by involving people in the development of health services.

Nominate me and I will:

- represent your views assertively, passionately and professionally
- strive for value for money and efficiency through better joining up of services
- demand the highest quality and accessibility from all NHS services and
- promote proper patient involvement and feedback

If successful, you can be sure of my commitment, objectivity, integrity and transparency in all matters relating to my role as Board member on your behalf.

Contact by email at lpow@talktalk.net

Bob PURDIE 6 Lomond Gardens, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY2 6AE

The new Board needs members who want to make the NHS work effectively and are committed to its traditions and values. They will need make judgements on complex matters and listen to others with respect.

I taught politics and history in Ruskin College, Oxford, for twenty years, before retiring home to Scotland. I taught students to take account of facts and also how to balance values, which can sometimes conflict. In a Health Service pressed by budget constraints, those kind of judgements will be crucial. Board members will need to pay scrupulous attention to evidence, but also remember that the NHS exists to serve human beings.

I have long experience of committee work, in academic life, in churches and in campaigning groups. I know how to listen and when to speak up. The Chair of Asylum Welcome, an Oxford charity with which I worked as a Trustee for many years, wrote of my, "ability to give direction to a discussion that had lost its way, to think conceptually and to propose a solution when a solution seemed impossible." I am a lifelong trade unionist and I know that *all* employees contribute to the care of patients. I don't drive a car, so I understand the problems of those who depend on public transport. I have well controlled diabetes and rely on my local clinic for continued good health. I value the NHS and the people who look after me. I will always defend its principles.

Fiona PURDON 33 Commercial Street, MARKINCH, Fife, KY7 6DE

• Fife Health Board Election? Does it matter to **you** and your loved ones?
• Do you know anyone who sits on your Health Board? • How about a Local Representative that would Champion your Health Needs? • That could be me! • Why me? I am Fiona Purdon and I have lived in Central Fife for 40 years, Markinch for the last 20 years. I have spearheaded many local causes: - 1. Housing Issues 2. Homelessness and related Health Issues 3. Drug Issues and related Health Issues 4. Pioneered Projects for the most vulnerable 5. Youth Work I have extensive experience in the Voluntary Sector as Director of YMCA-YWCA approximately 20 years e.g. 1. Multi-Agency Working – Networking 2. Financial Management – Fundraising 3. Managerial Boards – Committees 4. Public Relations 5. Team Work I have a proven record of delivery and believe my qualities/skills to be as follows: - • Reliable, Dedicated; Loyal • Integrity / Substance • Social Entrepreneur • People tend to trust and like me • I relate well to people from across the social spectrum • Not one to shy away from difficult situations/decisions. I currently am an Ambassador for "Maggies" our local Cancer Caring Centre – I strongly believe that action speaks louder than words, so I trekked the Himalayas last year, raising £5,000 for Maggie's Funds. The Gazette recently named me as the 6th out of 100 of the most influential women in the Town over the last 50 years. **So** Vote for me! I will be **Your** Ambassador ensuring the Highest Standards of Healthcare for **You, Your Children** and **Your Children's Children**.



Kain RAMSAY 50 Pentland Terrace, High Valleyfield, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 8SG

Currently a full-time Business student with the ability to empathise with people and their basic needs. I possess effective communication skills developed upon a nine year military background as well as my ongoing voluntary work with Lemon Aid through the Vine Church.

Global travel has further complimented my ability to work and relate to people from all statures and ages and I have previous knowledge of passing on my experiences to others as was the case after a recent medical supply aid trip to Haiti.

My peers regard me as a highly confident individual who is organised by nature and non-judgemental of others. Problem solving is a personal strength, as is vision, creativity adaptability which allows me to apply focus and a sensible approach when faced with difficult situations. A highly motivated individual who understands the importance of teamwork and the concept that two heads combined are better than one.

Deep rooted compassion for the health and wellbeing of people combined with truth, integrity and personal discipline continues to drives forward whilst learning from the tests of life and adapting to the ever increasing needs of others.

There is always room for improvement, and change is as refreshing as a holiday!

Aiveen RYAN 31 Mossbank, Rosyth, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY11 2NW

Dear voter,

- I believe that you, like me, see our good health as essential to our quality of life, potential to engage with and contribute to our society.

- I say that Fife people, like me, understand the need to save money by spending less, but also improve the quality of our health services, and that there is a fine balance required to achieve this wisely.

- I think that patients, staff and the public, like me, would want the NHS to develop services that have the patient at the very heart, that facilitates real equality of access for everyone, and that is open to explore a broad, holistic range of health interventions that helps us all feel in control of our own health and our own futures.
- I live in Rosyth with my son, Mike, and can be contacted for more information on 01383 411078 or by email change@aiveenryan.com

- I am passionate about people and health, especially mental wellbeing and focus on positive wellbeing rather than sickness. I have:

- developed equalities infrastructures in education;
- designed innovative social enterprise schemes;
- experience in senior management;
- I have worked in the public, voluntary and private sectors including projects in hospitals and communities. I think most people, like me, believe that partnerships between NHS and local people can provide one way to improve services whilst saving costs. I wonder if you could perhaps vote for me and for a fresh face in NHS Fife. Thank you.

Dave STEWART 2 Lady Nairn Avenue, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 2AN

As a candidate with previous experience on the Board I can demonstrate a proven record of success in delivering results. I have been involved in the new wing project at Victoria Hospital since 2002 and hope to see it through to completion in October 2011.

During my term of office as Chairman of NHS Fife's Operational Division, waiting times for outpatient and inpatient appointments fell from 26 weeks in 2005 to a maximum of 12 weeks now. NHS Fife now treats more patients faster than ever before.

Much still requires to be done and, as soon as the new wing at Victoria Hospital is completed, the reconfiguration of Queen Margaret must start in order to provide day surgery and a first class diagnostic service from there.

Experience is important but so is having the vision to see how the NHS in Fife can be further developed in the future. It is vital that our health promotion campaigns continue so that people are maintained in good health and thus reduce the cost of treating preventable illness in hospital which will become increasingly difficult as budgets are tightened.

I have the experience and the vision to take the NHS in Fife forward. Let me use these qualities for your benefit. For further information, visit my website: www.davestewart2010.co.uk or, if you have any questions, email me at davestewart2010@hotmail.co.uk

I look forward to your support. Dave Stewart





Craig WALKER 150 Golfdrum Street, DUNFERMLINE, Fife, KY12 8DX

I believe that I am an ideal candidate to serve on the Health Board due to my experience in representing people's views. For the past two years, I have been the Student President of Carnegie College. As the head of the Student Association, I have been responsible for ensuring the people's voice is heard on all decisions made by and for the college. The Association is comprised of a vast range of people, covering all ages and a diverse range of locations. I have always worked to make sure that every individual's needs and views have been considered.

I also work with as a student college inspector. This role involves visiting Colleges across Scotland, gathering the opinions and experiences of their population and presenting a consensus of these to the Colleges Board of Management.

People often describe me as fair and hard working, they cite my approachability and unbiased assistance as a great help to them with any issues they have. If elected, I would use these qualities in my performance as a Board Member, to ensure that you are properly represented in, and informed of, the actions of the Health Board.

Bill WALKER 58 Tarvit Avenue, CUPAR, Fife, KY15 5BW

I'm Bill Walker and I live in Cupar.

It has been my privilege to have served as a voluntary public representative in the Fife Health Board area for many years; a role which I have enjoyed immensely and which has enhanced my skills, knowledge and experience. I now seek election to the Board, and would greatly value your support.

My current involvement is: Fife Health Board:

- Member, Clinical Governance Committee
- Member, Patient Focus and Public Involvement Committee. Glenrothes and North East Fife Community Health Partnership (CHP):
- Member, CHP Committee
- Member, Clinical Governance Group
- Chair, Public Partnership Forum I also attend Conferences and Seminars, locally and nationally, to keep up to date. Other voluntary service:
- 25 years with the Territorial Army;
- Member of Reserve Forces Association and Poppy Scotland;
- Member of a Social Housing Association, which I chaired for three years, and which has properties throughout Scotland, including Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes.

This gave me wide experience of working as a non-executive director on Boards and Committees.

My business experience with large and medium sized organisations has given me in-depth knowledge of strategic, operational and financial management. On a personal basis I am a member of Cupar Probus Club and I take an active interest in my Community. If you feel I have proved my suitability, I hope you will vote for me as a Board Member. IT'S OUR HEALTH SERVICE AND IT MATTERS. Yours in Good Health



Frank WALLACE 6 Munro Street, KIRKCALDY, Fife, KY1 1PX

Good health is everything and the debt we owe the professionals in the NHS is inestimable. From the day we are born until the day we die, we are privileged being able to rely on doctors, nurses and other health service workers to care for us in our hour of need.

Now, more than ever, it is important we help these same dedicated NHS staff to protect vital front line services to ensure medical and nursing standards are maintained at the highest possible level throughout Fife.

With budgets under scrutiny as never before, there are particular challenges for NHS Fife to meet our health needs. Great results have been achieved in Fife by the Community Health Partnerships ensuring services are as accessible as possible.

But much more needs to be done in health promotion to safeguard the rights of the elderly and other vulnerable members of society. We also need to address the health problems and social misery of alcohol, drugs and substances abuse. Especially among our young people.

As a proud Fifer, I promise, if elected, to act as a local champion for the health service in the Kingdom, striving at every opportunity to ensure its resources are properly managed and protecting patient and health service employee interests at all times.

Frank Wallace

Champion of Good Health in Fife

Bill WEIR 11 George Govan Road, The Drum, CUPAR, Fife, KY15 4GY

I trained and worked as a staff nurse in Fife and currently work in health policy within the voluntary sector, funded through the Scottish Government Patient Focus Public Involvement programme. I work to develop partnerships for health between the voluntary sector and the NHS at local level; I also support public involvement in the NHS at all levels.

I believe that Public Involvement in the NHS in Scotland is important in developing services which are appropriate, individual and fair for all. The election of Non-Executive Directors to the Board of NHS Fife will enhance communication with the public and bring new thinking to the discussions.

People want to know that the NHS listens to and respects their comments, acting upon them where appropriate, and I am genuinely motivated to help NHS Fife ensure this high level of public participation. Future care will be delivered mainly in the community by integrated health, social care and voluntary sector teams. I want to use my experience in developing local partnerships for health to support the Board as it develops these effective, community based teams, to provide the most appropriate services for the people of Fife.

I believe that having someone on the Board with experience of developing such localised team working will be of benefit to NHS Fife.

As a Fife parent and a user of health services I believe I have a lot to invest in the future of NHS Fife and ask that you give me the chance to do so.

Gordon William Laverock WENHAM 30 Woodlea Grove, GLENROTHES, Fife, KY7 4AE

I was raised and educated in Fife. I trained and qualified as a Nurse in Kirkcaldy. I was Charge Nurse in the Operating Theatres of the Victoria Hospital for nine years. I then went as Nurse Manager to the West Fife for three years.

My career developed and I became a Professional Officer with the Royal College of Nursing. I worked closely with Health Boards in the North East of Scotland and the Northern Isles representing the interests of Nurses and promoting high standards of care given to patients. I participated nationally in partnership with the NHS in Scotland including serving on the committee which developed the Occupational Health Strategy for Scotland, I served on the secretariat for the Human Resources Forum and for the last 4 years, before retiring, I co-chaired a committee which was advisory to the Health Minister.

I have a long experience and wide knowledge of the health service and if elected, I would understand the strategic plans of NHS Fife especially at a time when budgets are going to be threatened due to the current recession. I am a good communicator and I would represent the diverse needs of the people of Fife, public and staff alike when considering the targets set by the Government. I have many years experience and a wide knowledge that I would like to put to good use. I have time and dedication to meet the commitment required for such an important role.

I have no political affiliation.





Allan WILKIE Pleasance House, Pleasance, Falkland, Fife, KY15 7AW

I am a fifty-four year old male who was born and bred in Fife. I have been resident in Fife my entire life. I was school captain of Bell-Baxter High School before going on to get an honours degree from Napier in Edinburgh. I worked for eleven years with Wm Low Supermarkets in Dundee before joining one of their suppliers for a further eleven years, where I worked on major retail development projects in the likes of Mexico, the United States, Canada and South Africa. This demanding work gave me a solid grounding in the management of very large, very expensive multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural projects under very different governmental regimes.

I am currently winding down a ten-year career as a self-employed systems consultant and will therefore have adequate time available to give this position as much attention as it requires. I am well-used to playing a significant part in board room decision-making processes. I would like to take this opportunity to do something positive for the people of Fife.

I am happily married (25 years) with two girls – one at University and the other currently sitting her highers.

Harry WILLS Feus House, Kedlock Feus, By CUPAR, Fife, KY15 4PY

I offer myself for election to Fife Health Board to serve the interests of the people of Fife. This is YOUR opportunity as an individual to directly influence the working of our local health board to ensure it is meeting the health needs of the people of Fife.

Health is the most important issue in peoples lives - the health of your family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and yourself.

I believe I can represent your interests based on the experience I have in serving the community of Fife in several ways.

I was parliamentary candidate for Glenrothes and Central Fife in two elections, and a council candidate for Glenrothes North. As convener of the North East and Central Fife Liberal Democrat Association I am deeply involved in a whole range of issues of vital concern to the community across the whole of Fife acting as a key link between the people and MPs, MSPs and councillors.

I have a longstanding business career including businesses in Fife as well as voluntary work for several charities including the Prince of Wales' Princes' Voluntary Trust and the Church.

Everyone who knows me knows that I am a strong willed person. I shall use that strength of purpose to ensure that the community's interests are always to the very forefront of the thinking and actions of Fife Health Board.

I respectfully ask you to place me as Number 1 choice of your list of voting intentions.

Norma WILSON 147 Main Street, THORNTON, Fife, KY1 4AH

My name is Norma Wilson and I would welcome your support.

From 1997-2003 I volunteered and supported the work of Fife Health Council progressing to the post of Vice-chair. Since 2003 I have been a member of Fife Health Board, Charing the Patient Focus Public Involvement, Organ Donation Committees and Kirkcaldy & Levenmouth Community Health Partnership. If elected I will continue to work in partnership with different organisations such as Fife Constabulary, Social Work and the Voluntary Sector to develop improved services in general practice and hospitals. By working with staff and patients I have gained invaluable experience in understanding issues affecting the health of Fifers. I began my career as a medical secretary at the Adamson Hospital in Cupar and then worked for the Professors of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Edinburgh University.

I am currently employed as the Members' Services Coordinator managing support services to 78 Elected Members. My other qualifications include a Diploma in Public Sector Management and a BA in Management. Outside my Board commitments I contribute to Thornton village life as Vice-Chair of the local Community Council, raise funds to refurbish the Memorial Park and work with Thornton Green Fingers Group improving the village environment. As an already committed volunteer and Board member over many years, if elected, I would work hard for patients and staff to maintain and continuously improve the high quality of services across Fife. I have no political affiliations. Further Information at www.normawilson.co.uk or Tel: 01592 774263



John Storrar WINTON 104 Castlandhill Road, ROSYTH , Fife, KY11 2DL

- This year Fifers are in the enviable position of electing our Local Health Board Members where like Parliament and Councils the Members elected are answerable to you the public
- I am a retired Marine Engineering Manager, married, and have lived in West Fife all my life. Over the last 7 years I have taken an active interest in health issues locally attending most Board Meetings and have been a Public Member on various Groups including West Fife CHP Reference Group & Queen Margaret Development Group, giving me a good knowledge of Health Board issues.
- I am the Chair of Local Health Concern and have regularly corresponded with the Local Media on health issues.
- If elected I will invite other Members to join me holding Surgeries throughout Fife where we can meet people to examine problems in Health Service provision similar to Surgeries held by Local Councillors.
- Whatever your age you will at some time need your health service. Its main focus must always be to provide top rate treatment in clean premises in locations as close to home as possible. The needs of the public should be paramount which currently is not always the case.
- I urge you to give me your vote to allow me to be a voice of the public in local health issues.

