

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust – FOI Information request 014003

6 April 2018

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

- Date of ballot
- Balloting company used – [Electoral Reform Services](#)
- Total number of eligible voters
- Number of ballots issued (if different from the above)
- Number of votes cast
- Number of paper ballots
- Number of electronic ballots
- Turnout
- Total Cost
- Cost charge by balloting company for admin
- Cost charged for scrutineering including staff
- Costs for other services
- Any events or activities either social, marketing, CPD that your existing and potential ballot suppliers invite you too -

FOI Questions	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Date of Ballot	None Held	None Held	03-Dec-14	22/06/ & 10 Dec 15	28/04 & 18/11 16	23-Nov-17	
Ballot Company			ERS	ERS	ERS	ERS	
Total Eligible Voters			10,721	2,366	8,817	2,421	
Number of Votes Cast			1,507	447	1,209	257	
Number of Paper Ballots			1,507	447	1,012	201	
Number of Electronic Ballots			N/A	N/A	197	56	
Turnout			14.1%	18.9%	13.7%	10.6%	
Total Cost - Ex VAT	-	-	£11,216.14	£3,315.25	£13,398.12	£5,702.50	-

## Notes

Date of ballot = closing date of election.

Total eligible voters = Number of ballot papers issued in all cases.

Cost charges have not been supplied as they are commercially sensitive

The events question from the ERS perspective is nil.