

## **Dr. Gavin Eyres - Statement for Election to the Investigations Committee**

**I would like to ask for your vote for the Investigations committee.** I was previously elected to Appeals— there are hardly ever any appeals – so I would like to stand for Investigations to play a greater part in supporting governance of GCCF.

I became involved with cats when I met my partner, Peter Collin, six years ago. Since then I've become a **GCCF delegate, club secretary, club treasurer, HHP judge, have stewarded at the Supreme, and I support the running of the Chester & North Wales show** as treasurer – some of you may know me from my cat toy stall at shows in aid of the Chester show.

I believe my work and volunteering shows I have the qualities and experience required to fulfil the role of Investigations Committee member. In particular my strong focus on Governance – **I strive to ensure processes and systems are in place to enable and ensure equity and fairness.**

I've a PhD in Evolutionary Molecular Genetics, which required me to read & assess a large quantity of written information, **making informed balanced decisions.**

I currently work in the NHS as a National Lead – working across England to reduce infections. **I'm a Chartered Manager** with qualifications in coaching, mentoring, leadership and management – all four of which require **excellent communication skills and the ability to mediate/consider others views.**

**I've previously been Programme Director for several national NHS programmes of work** such as organisational change – in this case I was responsible for managing large numbers of voluntary redundancy panel assessments and subsequent appeals decisions.

Outside of work I own a busy hair salon in Chester with 14 staff and a turnover of circa. £400k. As you would expect **owning and managing such a business requires impartiality and fairness towards all of my employees.**

**I've previously been a Non-Exec Director at Chester University Students' Union – during which time I was board lead for governance and HR.** This involved Charing Appeals Boards such as redundancy appeals which included seeking & responding to legal representation. Such situations required careful consideration of detailed information, discretion, and the ability to weigh up evidence and make an impartial and fair decision.

**I'm on the Board of Trustees of my local Hospice, and I now Chair the Governance subcommittee – this requires complete discretion and confidentiality.**

I would relish the opportunity to support and promote GCCF good governance, as part of the Investigations Committee.

Many thanks for considering my statement,

Dr. Gavin Eyres (Gav).