

# Staff Bulletin 577

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## Pensions Update

### Member Nominated Trustees

Four candidates stood for election in August, to contest two Member Nominated Trustee (MNT) positions on the Trustee Board of the MRC Pension Scheme.

Mr Geoff Der was successfully re-elected and Mrs Louise McFarlane was elected to replace Professor Howard Cooke, who is retiring from the Board as he has completed a third and final term of office as a Trustee.

There was an excellent response to the ballot, with nearly 20% of those eligible to take part casting their vote. All candidates are thanked for their participation.

### MRC and UKRI

Colleagues are reminded that membership of the MRC Pension Scheme continues should you change role within UKRI.

### Annual report and accounts

A copy of the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2018 is available from the member website: [www.mrcps.co.uk](http://www.mrcps.co.uk). A summarised version will be sent to all members later this month, now that the outcome of the MNT election has been announced.

### Open Forum

The next open forum will take place at 2.00 pm on 22 October at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge. Details of how to attend will appear in the summarised report sent to all members.

### BenPal from JLT

A new online platform for members will be launched by the end of this year, known as BenPal. JLT, who are appointed by the Trustees to look after the administration of the MRC Pension Scheme, will provide this new secure site, which will replace the existing member website.

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