

## **Canvassing guidelines for BAHNO elections March 2021**

BAHNO supports and encourages election applications from candidates across the membership. Candidates will usually be invited to submit a short election statement to accompany their application, which will be posted on the BAHNO website.

When there is more than one applicant, an electronically based election will be held. Members will be sent (by email) an election notice with a closing date.

The BAHNO membership encompasses medical, surgical and dental specialties as well as allied healthcare professionals (AHP) involved in the management of head and neck cancer. Some specialties have a greater number of members than others.

Therefore, once an election is running, BAHNO Council have confirmed that they would not support any national, specialty or regional canvassing approach from specialties, candidates or their colleagues via emails, social media campaigning or other promotional activity.

Personal canvassing by individual candidates is permissible. However, BAHNO Council recommendation is for candidates to inform their colleagues that an election is running (and encourage them to use their voting rites), but not to actively canvass votes and support. Only approximately 25-30% of BAHNO members vote on a regular basis.

Candidates found to be breaching these guidelines, may at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary and/or Council be excluded from the election in which they are standing.

PA Brennan  
Honorary Secretary