

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Lead Governor Report	Date: 13 th February 2024
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Purpose		
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors from the perspective of the Lead Governor		Approval
		Assurance
		Update
		Consider
Strategic Objectives		
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be
To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
Principal Risk		
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care	
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity	
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability	
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy	
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation	
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits	
PR7	Major disruptive incident	
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change	
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before		
N/A		
Acronyms		
CoG - Council of Governors SFHT - Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust MYG – Meet Your Governor		
Executive Summary		
<p>Much time this quarter has been spent working together as a relatively new team of governors. Sue Holmes left us as Lead Governor at the end of October 2023 after exceptional governor service within Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust. I started my role of Lead Governor on 1st November 2023. In addition, we welcomed to the Governing Body ten new governors in summer 2023.</p> <p>As a relatively new team of governors we are getting to know each other's strengths, specialisms and priorities. Together we are taking time to identify how we can deploy these to support SFHT to the best of our ability and add optimum value.</p> <p>A governor conference is being planned for April 2024 to enable us to revisit the role of a governor within SFHT and the expectations around what is required. The governor conference will also provide time to discuss key immediate focuses and how we can address these through themed and focused 'MYG' sessions and a revised governor feedback session. This approach will help us to take the approach of 'you said, we did' in a very measurable and impactful way.</p>		

The governor conference will also provide a forum to discuss a new governor action log which we hope to design and introduce. This will provide governors with a tool to log queries / questions / concerns in an open and transparent way that will then enable all governors to track the progress of work undertaken to address these issues in future governor meetings.

Meetings have continued with Healthwatch and the Lead Governors from Notts. Healthcare and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Foundation Trust working towards formally agreeing a partnership which will be put to CoG at a later date for approval. An immediate priority is to create a memorandum of understanding as a shared group that represents governors and all that they can contribute at the Integrated Care Board. It feels important to highlight the governors as an asset who have individual and collective specialisms to bring to the table along with valuable volunteer time and capacity.