

Council of Governors

Subject:	Lead Governor Report		Date: 9 th November 2021	
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Purpose				
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors from the perspective of the Lead Governor			Approval	
			Assurance	x
			Update	
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
x	x	x	x	x
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		x		
Risks/Issues				
Financial	N/A			
Patient Impact	N/A			
Staff Impact	N/A			
Services	N/A			
Reputational	N/A			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/A				
Executive Summary				
<p>Much of my time recently has been spent in the recruiting of two Non-Executive Directors. There were 39 applications and after long listing and then shortlisting 9 candidates were invited for interview. This was quite an intense process taking place over two days with a wide range of candidates with an even wider range of experience. You will be hearing more about this at the Council of Governors meeting.</p> <p>Little else has really happened this quarter although Meet your Governor sessions have continued</p> <p>I do not think it too early to be 'advertising' next year's Governor elections. Because of resignations there are many vacancies and other governors have unfortunately been coping with ill health and I wish all of these a speedy recovery. Because of these factors, only 3 governors were available for the interviews and none were available for a focus group.</p> <p>We need to spread the word to interested parties and we need to be realistic about the time commitment needed. Although the only statutory attendance is at the full Council of Governors Meetings, the most interesting part of the 'job' comes from other activities such as Meet your Governor, 15 Steps and being a Board Committee observer, which relatively new governors have yet to experience. Hopefully in the New Year we will be able to mount an advertising campaign to ensure that all vacancies are filled with governors who have a realistic expectation of how to get the most out of the position.</p> <p>I must finally express our thanks to our wonderful staff who are still coping with Covid patients and say how nice it is to see the volunteers back on site</p>				