

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Lead Governor Report	Date: 9 th August 2022		
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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				
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
Identify which principal risk this report relates to:				
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				
Executive Summary				
<p>Rather more has happened this quarter as we briefly resumed live meetings and were able to properly welcome our new governors to their first full meeting. We now welcome Neal Cooper, Public Governor for Mansfield, and Cllr. John Doddy, Appointed Governor from Nottinghamshire County Council.</p> <p>As we still have 5 governor vacancies, consideration is now being given to changes in our Constitution to enable us to recruit to fill these vacancies i.e., by incorporating the 2 vacancies for The Rest of the East Midlands into Ashfield / Mansfield constituencies. Two of the other vacancies are for Newark and we are hopefully going to interest people in this area to stand for election. There is 1 staff vacancy for Newark. It is proposed to advertise this widely now and all staff governors will represent all of our 3 sites. The Director of Corporate Affairs is seeking legal advice about these changes. All being well, there is the possibility of an election in the autumn.</p> <p>At our forum, Michael Longdon gave us feedback from the Governwell conference, with two items of particular interest – Governor self-evaluation and the possibility of a ‘conference’ with other local trusts. Both of these items have been passed to the Director of Corporate Affairs for investigation.</p> <p>Concern is still being expressed about who is holding the ICS and ICB to account!!</p> <p>Unfortunately, we are once again restricted in our access to the hospitals and our meetings have once again moved to Teams. ‘15 steps’ has also been placed on hold, as has Meet your Governor sessions. Hopefully we will be able to resume as we approach the Autumn.</p>				

I have met with Jim Aleander, Lead Governor of Nottinghamshire Healthcare. He is very interested in our approach to engaging with the wider community and is keen for us to work together in the future.

Once again, we must thank our staff for their superhuman efforts in coping with yet another spike in Covid numbers.