

Council of Governors

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Purpose				
To consider and approve Governor Elections which align with then new constituencies		Approval	x	
		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>The recent Governor elections did not result in all vacant posts being filled.</p> <p>The Constitution has been revised with a view to encouraging more members to stand for election.</p> <p>The current structure of the Council of Governors, which includes only 10 public governors could result in the meeting not being quorate as the 2006 Act states that more than 50% of those in attendance must be public governors.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed to hold Governor Elections in the Autumn of 2022 to align to the revised Constituencies.</p>				

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The Trust held Governor elections earlier this year, not all posts were filled, and the Constitution has been revised to amend the Constituencies to Newark and Sherwood Public Constituency, Rest of East Midlands Public Constituency and Staff constituency across the Trust, not site specific.

The Council of Governors currently has four public governor vacancies and one staff governor vacancy.

The quoracy for the Council of Governors, as the 2006 Act states, is that more than 50% of those in attendance should be public governors. Currently the structure of the Council of Governors is:

10 public Governors
2 staff Governors
7 appointed governors

Totalling 19 governors, there is a risk, future meetings, of the Council of Governors may not be quorate, if a number of apologies are received from public governors.

It is therefore proposed to hold Governor elections in the Autumn of 2022, which align with the revised Constituencies.