

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Lead Governor Nomination and Appointment	Date: 31 st July 2023			
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Purpose					
To consider and approve the nomination and appointment of the Lead Governor		Approval	X		
		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
X	X	X	X	X	X
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					
Executive Summary					
<p>The maximum term of appointment of Sue Holmes, the current Lead Governor, expires on 31st October 2023.</p> <p>The Trust's Constitution requires the Council of Governors to nominate a Governor to be the Trust's Lead Governor.</p> <p>Following invitations to all Governors to express their interest in seeking nomination as Lead Governor, one candidate, Liz Barrett OBE, has come forward.</p> <p>In these circumstances it is unnecessary to hold an election for the role of Lead Governor. Hence, this paper recommends the appointment of the unopposed candidate as Lead Governor designate to take up office as Lead Governor on 1st November 2023.</p>					

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The maximum term of appointment of Sue Holmes (3 years x 3 terms = 9 years, in total), expires on 31st October 2023. Sue is the current Lead Governor, a position that is co-terminus.

Paragraph 7.1.3 of the Trust's Constitution requires the Council of Governors to nominate a Governor to be the Trust's Lead Governor. It should be noted the statutory responsibility of a Lead Governor is to act as a point of contact between the regulator (NHS England – NHSE) and the Council of Governors, should the need arise.

On 13th July 2023 Governors were invited to express their interest in seeking nomination as Lead Governor with the role description circulated as an attachment. The process required candidates to submit a 150-word supporting statement by 12 noon on Friday 21st July 2023. In the event more than one expression of interest was received the process planned was that candidates would deliver a short verbal presentation to the full Council of Governors meeting on 31st July 2023 with the full Council of Governors then voting to appoint the Lead Governor.

The meeting of the Council of Governors on 31st July 2023 is the one immediately prior to the end of Sue's term of office and so it was necessary for the nomination and appointment of the Lead Governor to be included on that agenda albeit the nominee will not be required to take up office until 1st November 2023.

One candidate, Liz Barrett OBE, has submitted an expression of interest in the role of Lead Governor.

In these circumstances it is unnecessary to hold an election for the role of Lead Governor. Hence, this paper recommends the appointment of the unopposed candidate, Liz Barrett, as Lead Governor designate to take up office as Lead Governor on 1st November 2023.