

Council of Governors

Subject:	Governor Observers		Date: 11 th August 2020	
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Purpose				
To seek approval from the Council of Governors with regard to the Governor Observers for Board of Directors Committees			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
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		x		
Risks/Issues				
Financial	N/A			
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact				
Services				
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
N/A				
Executive Summary				
<p>The Council of Governors appoints Governor Observers for each of the Board Committees.</p> <p>It has previously been agreed by the Council that such appointments should be reviewed after 12 months, whilst noting appointments can be for a period of between one and two years.</p> <p>Governor Observers commenced their most recent tenure in May 2019, after the last elections. Therefore it is appropriate to review those arrangements.</p> <p>Expressions of interest were sought from all governors and governors who were already observers were asked if they wished to remain in their current position or prefer to move to another committee or stand down completely. Expressions of interest were also sought for observers to the recently formed Recovery Committee; this is a time limited committee which will oversee the recovery period for the Trust. The approved Terms of Reference were issued to governors.</p> <p>Most observers wished to remain in their role, and a number expressed an interest in observing the Recovery Committee.</p> <p>The following changes are proposed, for Council to consider and approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Stewart would like to reduce to observing the Finance Committee, therefore it is proposed John Wood as the second observer on the Audit committee, all other observers to remain the same. 				

- It is proposed Belinda Salt and Gerald Smith as observers of the Recovery Committee as neither has yet observed a committee.