

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Council of Governors	Date:	12 th Nov 2024		
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Purpose					
To share an overview as to the activities that Governors are engaging in and the impact of this work		Approval			
		Assurance	X		
		Update	X		
		Consider			
Strategic Objectives					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	Improve health and wellbeing within our communities	Continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estates	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
	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	Insufficient financial resources available to support the delivery of services				
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					
SFHFT (Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust) MYG (Meet Your Governor)					
Executive Summary					
An overview as to how Governors have been spending their time this quarter and the impact of this.					

The Governing Body for SFHFT have remained very active in terms of their voluntary contributions this quarter.

Governors have continued to engage in 15 Steps, which we view as a really important way of assessing first-hand what is happening within the hospitals. It is fabulous to have the variety of 15 Steps places and wards to visit, and great to have the mixed teams which enable strong discussion about each area. During my own personal 15 Steps visits I have been extremely impressed with the level of cleanliness and the calmness that I have observed. I have frequently observed highly committed, caring staff who go 'above and beyond' to support and look after patients. I have also witnessed great dignity shown to patients and their families, which is a credit to all involved.

Attendance at Governor meetings remains high with governors actively contributing strong discussion points to the debates. Individually and collectively we are keen to ensure we continue to support the quality improvements taking place within SFHFT.

Governors have brought forward some really powerful ideas, too. One idea which we are starting to take forward as a governing body is how we, as governors, can actively get 'out and about' more in the communities that our hospitals serve to listen to feedback and observations. This approach will enable us to get a wider patient / carer voice which we can then relay. Alongside this, we are also planning to identify fundraising opportunities that governors can work together on to support the Charitable Trust arm of SFHFT.

The ICB held an online shared Governor event which was very well attended by SFHFT governors. Again, there was some really strong and useful debate and discussion. It was clear during the session that I was part of, that SFHFT performs very strongly within its peer group and that SFHFT governors' routine activities (MYG, 15 Steps etc) are not standard practice elsewhere. I personally feel that this approach gives the governing body a unique insight into SFHFT life and enables us to be better placed to securely know what is happening in the different areas.

Governors received a fabulous Risk Register presentation a few months ago. Time and care were taken to explain the rigour involved in monitoring risks and the impact of these within the hospitals. This presentation and the way in which it was delivered gave robust reassurance to the governing body that risk management is taken very seriously within SFHFT, with a lot of 'behind the scenes' work taking place to mitigate risk.

Recently governors have been involved in Place-based audits. These again present a really valuable opportunity for governors to be exposed to what is happening within the hospital on a day-to-day basis. The organisation behind these audits is really strong, with a wealth of information captured and reported upon in real time.

Work has continued and been completed to ensure that we have a constitution that enables SFHFT to be more agile when running elections. This approach will also serve to reduce costs.

Governors are to be involved in the upcoming NED appointments with dates scheduled for shortlisting and interviewing.