

**Council of Governors - Cover Sheet**

<b>Subject:</b>	Lead Governor Report	<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> August 24		
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<b>Purpose</b>					
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors from the perspective of the Lead Governor		<b>Approval</b>			
		<b>Assurance</b>	<b>X</b>		
		<b>Update</b>			
		<b>Consider</b>			
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>					
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
		<b>X</b>			
<b>Principal Risk</b>					
<b>PR1</b>	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care				
<b>PR2</b>	Demand that overwhelms capacity				
<b>PR3</b>	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability				
<b>PR4</b>	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy				
<b>PR5</b>	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation				
<b>PR6</b>	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits			<b>X</b>	
<b>PR7</b>	Major disruptive incident				
<b>PR8</b>	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>					
None					
<b>Acronyms</b>					
SFHFT = Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust					
<b>Executive Summary</b>					
<p>An overview as to the work that volunteer Governors has been contributing to SFHFT again recently. The main change being to the 'Meet Your Governor' model which has been adapted from the April 2024 Governor Conference to ensure greater impact.</p> <p>There have been recent changes to the SFHFT Governing body which are important to report upon. Steven Hunkin is no longer an SFHFT Governor and neither is John Doddy. I would like to formally acknowledge both for their volunteer contributions to SFHFT as governors and thank them for the time that they gave and their input.</p> <p>John was an appointed Governor for Notts County Council. As such, we have the pleasure of welcoming Bethan Eddy to the SFHFT governor body as his replacement and as the appointed Governor for Notts County Council. Bethan is having her induction on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and will then join the team of Governors.</p> <p>The SFHFT governing body continue to be very active within our volunteer roles. 15 Steps continues to be well attended and highly impactful. It is acknowledged between governors how</p>					

well this initiative is run and also how helpful it is to have people attending it from different backgrounds (i.e clinical and non-clinical). 15 Steps really does enable all involved to have a detailed deep dive as to what is happening in a particular area and whether all key standards and measures are being met. It gives an opportunity to speak directly with staff, patients and carers, which is invaluable in seeing / experiencing the quality of care being given.

There has been a slight pause in Meet Your Governor work since the April conference to enable the model for Meet Your Governor to change. This is fully reported on in the Membership and Engagement report. All Governors were in approval of this refresh and direction of travel and it feels as though having focused 'hot topics' will enable this work to become more impactful for SFHFT.

Several Governors have attended different events run by Governwell and reported back to the governing body about what they have learnt and the impact. This approach encourages us as a group of Governors to constantly upskill and keep as sharp as possible. It is fair to say that as a group of Governors we are curious and offer challenge and support which is critical in our volunteer roles.

There is a small working group consisting of Governors and Exec who have met several times to review the SFHFT constitution. This work is focused upon finding cost saving efficiencies when recruiting new Governors along with ensuring that our Governing Body always represents the communities that it serves. Further work using patient and Governor postcode information will be undertaken to establish how our Governing Body currently align with this approach and what (if anything) needs to be undertaken further to sharpen this. It is felt that post code analysis will yield the strongest approach for us to work and make decisions with moving forward.

Governor meetings have continued to be very well attended and this is really appreciated. There is a real depth of knowledge within our Governing Body which adds significant value to SFHFT. Governors have actively been present at relevant NED Committee meetings where they have then fed back updates to the rest of the Governing body. This approach continues to work well and helps us as a team of Governors to 'triangulate' our knowledge which enables further probing if required.

RemCom has taken place with Governors in attendance and as Lead Governor I have been involved in the Acting Chairs Objectives Setting 24/25.

Governors appreciated the Acting Chair joining the recent Forum and for his transparency and approach when answering questions. I have regular 'keeping-in-touch' meetings with the Acting Chair and also with the Director of Corporate Affairs which helps to keep all things governance on track.

In my role as Lead Governor I continue to meet every few weeks with the Lead Governors from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This approach is helpful as we have recently started having meetings with Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System with a view to holding a further online (one was held several years ago) conference for governors on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024. It is intended that an in-person shared governor conference will then follow in the Spring. Shared focuses will be on the agenda for each of these sessions.

The governor focus for the next few months is to increase participation in Meet Your Governor and to continue to have strong governor engagement (when time allows for governors) across the board.