

Council of Governors: 18.1.2018

Agenda Item: CGo.1.18.5

Report from the Chairman

Presented by:	Professor Bill McCarthy, Chairman	Author:	Jacqui Maurice, Head of Corporate Governance
Previously considered by:	N/A		

Key points	Purpose:
The report provides an update on activity and engagement involving the Council of Governors	To discuss and note

Executive Summary:
<p>The following report provides summaries with regard to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CQC Governor Focus Group 2. Nominations for the roles of Vice-Chair and Lead Governor 3. Membership, Communications and Engagement 4. Elections to the Council of Governors 5. Elections to NHS Providers Governor Advisory Committee 6. Quarterly meeting with the Vice-Chair and the Lead Governor <p>The Council of Governors is asked to note the report.</p>

Financial implications:
No

Regulatory relevance:

Monitor:	Code of Governance
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Equality Impact / Implications:	<p>Is there likely to be any impact on any of the protected characteristics? (Age, Disability, Gender, Gender Reassignment, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Health Inequalities, Human Rights)</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, what is the mitigation against this?</p>
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Other:	
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Strategic Objective: <i>Reference to Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to</i>	To provide outstanding care for patients
	To collaborate effectively with local and regional partners
	To deliver our financial plan and key performance targets
	To be in the top 20% of NHS employers
	To be a continually learning organisation

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1. CQC Governor Focus Group

As Governors have been previously advised, our Foundation Trust will receive a visit from the CQC with regard to our Well Led Review during early February 2018. To inform the CQC Well Led Review, Governors will be invited to take part in a CQC Governor Focus Group. It is anticipated that the CQC Focus group will be scheduled to take place at the end of January 2018. Governors will shortly be advised of the confirmed date, time and venue.

2. Nominations for the role of Vice-Chair and Lead Governor

The terms of office for David Walker, Vice-Chair, Council of Governors and, Professor Marina Bloj, Lead Governors will conclude at the end of April 2018.

In February 2018 nominations will be sought for the roles and Governors will be notified of the appointments process. Governors are asked to note that the term length is two years for each of the positions with a Governor able to put themselves forward for re-appointment. With regard to eligibility;

- Partner Governors may nominate themselves for the role of Lead Governor only
- Any Staff, Patient or Public Governor may nominate themselves for the role of Lead Governor and / or the role of Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors.

Recommendations regarding the roles will be presented to the Council of Governors for approval at the meeting scheduled for 19 April 2018.

3. Membership, Communications and Engagement

A session to discuss and plan for membership communications and engagement took place on 6 December 2017. The session focussed on;

- Promotional information used for interactive stands and displays.
- Planning for a (periodic) Governors staffed stand close to the new concourse at BRI to support engagement with patients, visitors and staff.
- The content of the new member e-communication (being produced with support from the Foundation Trust's Communications Team).
- Production of the 'Governors End of Year Report' to support engagement with members and the public.
- Canvassing the views from Governors in relation to the development of a new Foundation Trust Membership Strategy.

Governors considered Foundation Trust Membership and Recruitment. They noted that the Foundation Trust continued to maintain a significantly large membership when compared to other Foundation Trusts (where the average size sat between 10,000 and 12,000 members). At BTHFT membership stood at 48,122 at the end of November 2017 (an overall reduction of 225 public and

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patient members in year). The table below provides a breakdown with regard to the membership position at the end of November 2017.

Member Type Breakdown	Total membership : 48,122
Public Constituencies	36,327
Rest of England and Wales	257
Bradford East	8,854
Bradford South	8,565
Bradford West	8,916
Keighley	3,006
Shipley	6,729
Patient Constituency	6,392
Staff Classes	5,403
Medical and Dental practitioners	687
Nurses and Midwives	1,709
Allied Health Professionals and Scientists	633
All other staff	2,374

The Governors also discussed representation with regard to the communities served and considered the local membership profile against that of the local population. At the next session consideration will be given to targeted engagement and communications to support improved representation from under-represented groups.

The dates for future Membership Communications and Engagement sessions will be confirmed with Governors shortly.

4. Elections to the Council of Governors

The deadline for voting in the elections for two seats on the Council of Governors was 21 December 2017 with the results announced on 22 December 2017. The Council of Governors is asked to note that;

- Ms Hilary Meeghan is reappointed as the Public Governor for Bradford South for a second term which will conclude in December 2020.
- The candidate who was the highest polling candidate in the Bradford West Election has since withdrawn. The Constitution allows for the next highest polling candidate to fill the seat until the next scheduled election. Ms Ruby Hussain has agreed to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled elections which take place in November 2018.

5. Elections to NHS Providers Governor Advisory Committee

NHS Providers has commenced its second election for Governor Members of its Governor Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Governor Policy Board) in December 2017. Current Committee members will come to the end of their three-year terms in March 2018.

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The Governor Advisory Committee (GAC) is comprised of eight Governors elected by NHS Providers member Foundation Trusts, and two Chairs who are NHS Providers Board members. The GAC oversees their Governor support work and provides NHS Providers with advice on Governor-specific issues. The call for nominations closes on 12th January 2018 and each Foundation Trust is able to nominate one Governor to stand for election to one of the eight Governor positions.

I am pleased to inform the Council of Governors that Ms Pauline Garnett, Staff Governor, will be put forward as the nomination to the GAC from our Foundation Trust.

6. Quarterly meeting with the Vice-Chair and the Lead Governor

My quarterly meeting with Mr David Walker, Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors and Professor Marina Bloj, Lead Governor, took place on 12 January 2018. Dr Trevor Higgins, Deputy Chairman also joined the session along with a number of other Governors who had responded to an open invitation. My next quarterly meeting with the Vice-Chair and the Lead Governor is scheduled for 13 April 2018.

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