

Council of Governors: 16/10/18

Agenda Item: CGo.10.18.8

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 related to 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. Elections to the Council of Governors 2. Senior Independent Director Appointment 3. BTHFT Mock CQC Inspection programme 4. Board and Committee Review 5. West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYHCP) and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) 6. Quarterly meeting with the Vice-Chair and the Lead Governor 7. Joint sessions with the Non-Executive Directors <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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Strategic Objective:	To provide outstanding care for patients
<i>Reference to Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to</i>	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. Elections to the Council of Governors

The call for nominations to four seats on our Council of Governors is now underway. A copy of the document 'Being a Governor at our Foundation Trust' is attached at Appendix 1 which includes the full election schedule. The election notice has been circulated to the membership and to local community based organisations, health related organisations and with our local council offices. It has also been shared with staff across our Foundation Trust and information has been made available to patients and visitors to the Trust. I would like to again encourage our Governors to share information through your own networks. The elections site is accessible via <https://secure.ersvotes.com/V2-4-4/bth2018/en/home?bbp=12588&x=-1>

2. Senior Independent Director Appointment

As Governors are aware, the Board is required, in line with the Foundation Trust Code of Governance, to appoint a Senior Independent Director in consultation with the Council of Governors. As a reminder, the Governors have deferred this responsibility for consultation with the Governors to the Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

Pauline Vickers, Non-Executive Director, is the current Senior Independent Director. Following the receipt of Pauline Vickers' resignation as a Non-Executive Director the process is now underway for the appointment of a new Senior Independent Director.

I would like to confirm that I, as Chairman, am not involved in the process to appoint the SID as it is important that the 'SID is seen to be independent of the Chairperson and as such should therefore be a Board appointment and not a Chair appointment'.

It is expected that the appointment will be confirmed by the Board on 8 November 2018.

3. BTHFT Mock CQC Inspection programme

I am pleased to note that a number of Governors have responded to the invitation from the Trust's Clinical Governance Team to join the 'Mock CQC Inspection programme' which is being facilitated by Lucy Atkin, Assurance and Regulation Manager. The dates have been circulated and while it is quite involved with regard to the time commitment; I would encourage those Governors who are available to sign up to this initiative. It will provide you with an in-depth view into how our services are delivered but also key insights with regard to the CQC Inspection model.

4. Board and Committee Review

The Board is in the process of a reviewing operation of the Board and Committee meetings. The areas under review include:

- Composition
- Effectiveness
- The role of the Chair
- Overall Board/Committee Performance
- Understanding of purpose and strategic objectives
- Scheduling and delivery of meetings including a review of the information presented

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The review is being informed by feedback from a wide range of sources including that received from Governors at Council of Governors meetings, the quarterly meetings held with the Vice-Chair and Lead Governor and, the joint sessions held with Governors.

A proposal for any revisions to the Board or Committee Structures will be made to the meeting of the Board of Directors in November 2018.

5. West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYHCP) and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT)

I thought it would be useful to reference the continued positive progress which both the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYHCP) and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) are making. The Trust is proactively involved in the work WYHCP is doing as it moves towards becoming a fully established integrated care system in April 2019. The Trust welcomes this opportunity to collaborate with our partners, to improve the services offered to patients and to improve the health of our local population.

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

My next quarterly session with the Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors and Lead Governor will take place on Friday 11 January 2019 from 2pm to 3pm. Dr Trevor Higgins, Deputy Chairman will be joining us. As with previous sessions, an open invitation has been extended to all Governors to attend.

7. Joint sessions with the Non-Executive Directors

As a reminder the next joint closed session between the Non-Executive Directors and the Governors will take place on Thursday 17 January 2019 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. This session will be followed by the Council of Governors meeting from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

The Council of Governors is asked to note the report.