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Report from the Chairman

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| Presented by | Professor Bill McCarthy, Chairman | | |
| Author | Jacqui Maurice, Head of Corporate Governance | | |
| Lead Director | | | |
| Purpose of the paper | The report provides an update on activity and engagement involving the Council of Governors since the previous report provided for the Board in September 2018. | | |
| Key control | | | |
| Action required | To note and gain assurance | | |
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Analysis

Key items from the Council of Governors meeting held 16 October 2018

1. David Walker, Public Governor, Shipley

David Walker attended his last meeting of the Council of Governors as he had previously advised that he would not be putting himself forward when his current term concluded on 4 December. I paid tribute to the commitment and loyalty that David had expressed in many different ways to our Foundation Trust during his last three years. The full Council of Governors echoed those thanks. David will continue to have an on-going relationship with our Foundation Trust through his patient experience activities.

2. Governor Elections

The call for nominations has now concluded. Elections will be held in Bradford West where we have a record seven candidates standing. Unfortunately we did not receive any nominations within our Shipley Public Constituency, our 'Rest of England' public constituency and our Patient Constituency. This is disappointing. The next call for nominations will take place in January 2019 and nominations will be sought for these seats at that point with a targeted campaign undertaken.

3. Non-Executive Director Recruitment

The Governors noted that Pauline Vickers would be standing down as a Non-Executive Director from 30 November 2018 and that Trevor Higgins was currently serving a third, one-year term, which would end on 20 May 2019.

The Council of Governors confirmed that an appointment process should get underway for two new NEDs to join the Board. This is currently being progressed by the Nominations and Remuneration Committee

4. Nominations and Remuneration Committee Membership

The Governors noted the vacancy on the Governors Nominations and Remuneration Committee that will be left by David Walker, following the completion of his Governor term of office. Nominations are currently being sought from the Council of Governors to replace David Walker as a member of the Governors NRC effective from 5 December 2018.

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5. BTHFT Mock CQC Inspection programme

A number of Governors have responded positively to the invitation from the Trust's Clinical Governance Team to join the 'Mock CQC Inspection programme'. The dates have been circulated and while it is quite involved with regard to the time commitment I have encourage those Governors who are available to sign up to this initiative as it will provide them with an in-depth view into how our services are delivered but also key insights with regard to the CQC Inspection model.

6. 2017/18 External Audit – Deloitte LLP

The External Auditors presented their report to the Governors on the Indicators audited as part of the Quality Report work undertaken in 2017/18 and on the Trusts Annual Report and Accounts. The Deputy Chief Operating Officer presented a report on the actions being taken in response to the recommendations made by the Auditors in relation to RTT and Ambulance Handovers (the indicator selected by the Governors to be audited).

The Council agreed to establish a Governors 'task and finish group' to select an indicator from the 2018/19 Quality Account and a programme to support them in the selection will be delivered by key staff here at our Foundation Trust.

7. 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.

8. 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.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the report.