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Date	9 January 2020	Agenda item	Bo.01.20.6

## Report from the Chairman

Presented by	Dr Maxwell Mclean, Chairman		
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Lead Director	Dr Maxwell Mclean, Chairman		
Purpose of the paper	The report provides an update on activity and engagement involving the Council of Governors since the previous report provided to the Board in November 2019.		
Key control	N/A		
Action required	To note		
Previously discussed at/ informed by			
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	

### Analysis

#### 1. Elections to the Council of Governors

Following the election process launched during early October 2019 I am pleased to let you know that the following Governors will be joining the Council of Governors for either new or additional terms of office.

##### New Governors

- Mark Chambers - Patient Governor
- Helen Wilson - Staff Governor Allied Health Professionals
- Amit Bhagwat - Public Governor 'Rest of England and Wales'
- Dermot Bolton – Public Governor Bradford West

##### Returning Governors

- Marion Olonade-Taiwo - Public Governor Keighley
- David Wilmshurst - Public Governor Shipley

As part of the induction programme for our new Governors; individual welcome meetings have been scheduled with myself and it is anticipated that all the required formal checks will be completed in time for the new Governors to attend their first council of Governors meeting on 16 January. Full profiles of our new Governors will be posted on the Trust's website following the completion of the formal checks.

#### 2. Governor attendance at Committees

I am pleased to report that the proposal has now been implemented for Governors to observe Board Committee meetings to support them in the delivery of their duties and responsibilities in holding our Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Board of Directors. David Wilmshurst, Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors attended the Committee meetings in December 2019. All Governors have been provided with the full schedule of meetings for 2020. In line with the protocols developed, a maximum of two Governors will be in attendance to observe at each of the Committee meetings and Governors will work together to agree their attendance schedule.

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### 3. Membership of Governor Nominations and Remuneration Committee (NRC)

The Council of Governors are currently seeking self-nominations for three seats on the Governors Nominations and Remuneration Committee. The appointments are for three years and Governors are able to serve more than one three-year term. The nominations will be presented to the Council of Governors for consideration and approval on 16 January 2019.

### 4. Board of Director's Development Day: 'Governors programme' 12 December 2019

I was pleased to welcome Governors to the 'World Café 2 open event: Learning Matters' at our recent Board Development Day on 12 December 2019. Governors also had a full schedule which included participation in:

- A Governors CQC Focus Group
- A learning and development session delivered by NHS Providers on 'Effective Challenge'. For this session an open invitation to Non-Executive Directors to attend this session was taken up by Mohammed Hussain.
- Site visits to the Command Centre and A&E

Tanya Claridge, Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs, held a closing session with Governors to reflect on the outcomes of the day. These reflections will also serve to inform the planning of other sessions for Governors and the Board.

### 5. Development of Governors promotional materials to support engagement activities

A range of promotional materials are being developed to support Governor engagement in line with statutory duties and responsibilities.

This portfolio of materials includes:

- Pop up banners
- Comments cards
- 'How was your care today' badges
- Governor who's who booklet
- New member recruitment form
- Governor task list / script to support Governors during engagement activities

A Governor 'engagement schedule' is being drawn up for 2020 covering our hospital sites.

### 6. Chairman's Winter Bulletin

All Governors are in receipt of the second edition of my quarterly communication e-bulletin for Governors. This was circulated in early December 2019. One key area of focus within the bulletin included reference to the decision of the Board of Directors on 22 November 2019 that it would not continue with plans to create a Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS). I have advised our Governors that our focus now will be to engage the affected staff and union representation in an effort to achieve some of the productivity gains that were felt possible and, that these improvements will be sought under the principles of our Trust value 'we are one team'.

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The Spring bulletin will be circulated in March 2020 and the Summer bulletin in June 2020. As a reminder this has also been circulated to Board members for information. If there are items that you think it would be of benefit to share with our Council of Governors please do let me know.

## 7. My Quarterly meeting with Governors

My next quarterly session with Governors is scheduled for Tuesday 14 January 2020. This provides a general opportunity for an informal meeting to take place between myself and the Governors. I would welcome any comments from Board members as to matters for discussion.

## 8. Joint Session with Non-Executive Directors

The next joint closed session between the Non-Executive Directors and the Governors will take place on Thursday 16 January from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. This will be followed by the Council of Governors meeting from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the Listening for life Centre, Bradford Royal Infirmary.

### Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the report.