

Meeting Title	Council of Governors		
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Council of Governors Engagement Policy

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Purpose of the paper	For the Council of Governors to review and approve proposed amendments to the Council of Governors Engagement Policy		
Key control	N/A		
Action required	For approval		
Previously discussed at/informed by			
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	
	Board of Directors	23/09/21	
Situation			
<p>The Foundation Trust Code of Governance recommends that the Council of Governors should establish a policy for engagement with the Board of Directors for those circumstances when they have concerns about the performance of the Board of Directors, compliance with the Provider Licence or other matters related to the general wellbeing of the NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>It is further advised that the Board of Directors should also consider the content of the Council of Governors Engagement Policy. The Board of Directors considered and provided initial approval of the policy at their meeting held on 23 September 2021.</p> <p>The Council of Governors Engagement Policy is attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The amendments considered and approved by the Board of Directors are presented in tracked changes.</p> <p>The amendments are minor and relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The addition of 'Trust Secretary' to the list of definitions to make clear that it is the person designated to act in that capacity.- Updated references throughout the document to NHS England/Improvement.- Dissemination of the policy to include publication on the Trust internet site.- Hyperlinks have been added to reference documents where available.			
Recommendation			
<p>The Council of Governors is asked to provide final approval of the Council of Governors Engagement Policy. The next review date is October 2023.</p>			