

Meeting Title	Council of Governors		
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Council of Governors Work Programme 2022-2025 (three years)

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Governance responsibility	Council of Governors	
Purpose of the paper	For the Council of Governors to consider the proposed work plan and confirm any additions, amendments or deletions.	
Action required	For approval	
Previously discussed at/informed by	N/A	
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date
	N/A	

Background

The Council of Governors previously reviewed its work plan in January 2021.

The Council of Governors is asked to review the revised work plan and confirm any changes that it would like to make. The 'work plan' is attached at Appendix 1 and has been developed to support the Council in the delivery of its statutory duties and responsibilities.

Items removed

The Council is asked to note that the following items have been removed from the previous version of the work plan:

- Quality Report: Locally selected Indicator for External Audit
- Establishment of Working Group: Quality Report Locally Selected Indicator

There is no longer a requirement for the foundation trust to produce a Quality Report. The Trust now produces an annual Quality Account and there is no requirement to undertake an external audit therefore, no requirement for the Council to 'select an indicator for external audit'.

- Regulation and Assurance Committee report

The Board Regulation and Assurance Committee was disestablished by the Board in September 2021 as part of its continuing review of Board Governance.

Items added

The Council is asked to note that the following items have been added to the work plan.

- Summary from pre-meeting with NEDs
- Matters raised with Governors by members, patients and/or the public

These items were added in year in response to requests from the Chairman and the Governors. They have been added as standing items.

- Quality and Patient Safety Academy Chair Report

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- Finance and Performance Academy Chair Report
- People Academy Chair Report

In September 2021 the Board, as part of its continuing review of Board Governance, confirmed Non-Executive Director Chairs' of the Academies. The Chair reports from the Academy meetings are now subsequently provided to the Council.

- NED and Chair Terms of Office

On a separate worksheet Governors have been provided with the terms of office of all Non-Executive Directors and the Chair – this information will support the scheduling of the NED/Chair reappointment items.

Work plan flexibility and review

Governors should note that items can be added in-year to the agenda, where agreement is reached. As such the plan remains flexible. It is however recommended that the Council review its work plan at least annually.

Recommendation

The Council of Governors should review the proposed work plan and confirm any additions, amendments or deletions.