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Appointment of the Lead Governor of the Council of Governors

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Governance responsibility	Council of Governors		
Purpose of the paper	To confirm at the open Council Meeting of the appointment of the Lead Governor.		
Action required	To note		
Previously discussed at/informed by	N/A		
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	
	N/A		

Background and Assessment

The term of office for Wendy McQuillan, Lead Governor concluded at the end of April 2022. Self-nominations were requested from Governors on 7 April 2022. Governors were advised that:

The term length is two years.

With regard to eligibility;

Any Governor may nominate themselves for the role of Lead Governor

Role / Duties of the Lead Governor

1. Be the key point of contact between NHS Improvement (NHSI)¹ and the NHS Foundation Trust's Council of Governors.
 - This will be in a limited number of circumstances and, in particular, where it may not be appropriate to communicate through the normal channels, which in most cases will be via the Chairperson or the Trust Secretary, if one is appointed.
 - The main circumstances where NHSI will contact a Lead Governor are where NHSI has concerns as to Board leadership provided to the NHS Foundation Trust, and those concerns may in time lead to the use by NHSI of its formal powers to remove the Chairperson or Non-Executive Directors.
 - The other circumstance where NHSI may wish to contact a Lead Governor is where, as the regulator, NHSI has been made aware that the process for the appointment of the Chairperson or other members of the Board, or elections for Governors, or other material decisions, may not have complied with the NHS Foundation Trust's Constitution, or alternatively, whilst complying with the Trust's Constitution, may be inappropriate.
 - In such circumstances, where the Chairperson, other members of the Board of Directors or the Trust Secretary may have been involved in the process by which these appointments or other decisions were made, a Lead Governor may provide a point of contact for NHSI.
2. Where required, be the key point of contact between the CQC and the NHS

¹ NHS England following the formal merger of NHS England and NHS Improvement from 1 July 2022

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Self-nominations received

One self-nomination was received for the role from Mark Chambers, Patient Governor.

At the closed Council meeting held on 28 April 2022 the Council approved the appointment of Mark Chambers as Lead Governor for a maximum period of two years up to April 2024 or, until his period as Governor comes to an end (whichever occurs first).

Recommendation

The Council is asked to note the decision made at the closed Council of Governors meeting held on 28 April 2022.