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## Chairman's Report

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<b>Governance Responsibility</b>	Dr Maxwell Mclean, Chairman		
<b>Purpose of the paper</b>	This report provides an update to the Council of Governors on key items since the previous report provided in January 2023.		
<b>Action required</b>	To note		
<b>Previously discussed at/informed by</b>	N/A		
<b>Previously approved at:</b>	<b>Committee/Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	

### 1. Governor Resignation / Appointment

It is with regret that in February 2023 Dr John Bolton, Staff Governor Medical and Dental reluctantly, tendered his resignation due to the pressures of combining his many different roles.



I have thanked John for his contributions made since he took on the role in May 2022. John is very well respected amongst his former Governor colleagues and many of you also wished him well in the future.

I am though very pleased to advise that, in line with our Constitution, Dr Farzana Khan, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, who was the next highest polling candidate in the election has agreed to take on the role. I will be pleased to welcome Dr Khan to the Council of Governors meeting in July following the completion of her induction.

### 2. 'Outstanding Maternity Services' OMS Maternity Session held on 24 January 2023



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On behalf of the Governors and the NEDs who joined this session - I have expressed our thanks to the Chief Nurse, Director of Midwifery and, the Clinical Risk and Governance Lead Midwife for the insightful presentation which helped to facilitate a good and detailed discussion. In summary the session covered:

- Risk reporting in Maternity
- Serious Incidents and Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch Reports
- Maternity Improvement Plan highlights
- Still Birth Rates

The session was held face to face and as such not recorded however, the presentation is available via the Governor reading rooms on the Team Engine portal.

### 3. Joint Governor and Non-Executive Director Induction Programme - Site Visits



Thank you to those of our Governors who joined NEDs for site visits in what has been an excellent re-addition to the Governor/NED induction programme. I myself attended a number of these sessions designed to support in the effective delivery of roles. Sessions delivered throughout February 2023 have included site visits and engagement with key staff in the following areas:

- Education Services (including a visit to the Simulation Centre)
- BRI Estate (including a clinical perspective)
- SLH Estate (including a clinical perspective)
- Institute of Health Research (including a visit to the Patient Recruitment Centre)

I would like to put on record my thanks to those of our staff who provided and delivered a programme that was rich in content and provided both Governors and NEDs with superb insights into their respective areas of expertise. These sessions have added to our understanding of our role as an acute services provider, a teaching hospital and, the benefits being brought by the significant growth in applied research.

### 4. Second Quality Account Improvement Priorities session



My thanks to Judith Connor, Associate Director of Quality for leading the discussion with Governors on the improvement priorities proposed for 2023/24 at this second session on the Quality Account

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improvement priorities which took place on 23 February 2023. The five proposed priorities for 2023/24 discussed with Council members were;

- Improving the management of deteriorating patients
- Improving patient experience
- Continued reduction in Stillbirths
- Advancing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Implementation of Patient Safety Response Framework

As a reminder, the Trust is required to publish a Quality Account annually, by 30 June. It is a report about the quality of services offered by an NHS healthcare provider. Quality Accounts are an important way for local NHS services to report on quality and show improvements in the services they deliver to local communities and stakeholders. The quality of the services is measured by looking at patient safety, the effectiveness of treatments patients receive, and patient feedback about the care provided. The Trust's latest Quality Account is available [here](#).

## 5. Governor Stand: Engagement with staff, public and patients



Our first event took place on the main concourse, Bradford Royal Infirmary on Wednesday 12 April 2023 from 12pm until 2pm. As a reminder, the aim of these events is to increase and improve engagement with members, members of the public and staff; and to seek to increase the number of active members if we can. My thanks to our Public Governors, Farideh Javid and Aleksandra Atanaskovic, who hosted the stand on the day. This was an excellent event supported by Jacqui Maurice, Head of Corporate Governance. Feedback from this activity is currently being collated and will be used to further enhance other events that have been scheduled to take place monthly. The next one takes place on 10 May 2023 and will be hosted by Staff Governor, Raquel Licas and Public Governor, Adrian Cresswell. I would encourage all our Governors to register to host at least one of these events in year.

## 6. Joint Chair and Governor Session: Neighbouring Foundation Trusts

I am pleased to report that in March I met with the Chairs and Corporate Governance Leads of our neighbouring Foundation Trusts (Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust and, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust) to discuss the appetite for a joint session. There was excellent support for this and we are currently confirming the agenda for the two hour session which will focus on partnership working. Governors will shortly be contacted for your availability once the date for delivery has been confirmed.

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## 7. Bespoke in-house development session for our NEDs and Governors



Unfortunately our session planned for 2 February 2023 had to be stood down. This has now been rescheduled and will take place on **Thursday 6 July from 1.30 to 4pm**. As a reminder we are seeking to deliver this session face to face and the agenda will include:

- Governance and the role of the NED/Governor (the role of the NED, the role of the Governor and, assurance vs reassurance)
- Relationship building and group discussion (what works well at BTHFT and, what could be better)
- Our next steps

This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of our respective roles and also to have the opportunity to review what we have in place. This is an important session and I would strongly encourage as many Governors as possible to attend alongside our NEDs.

## 8. Communications with members

Members have continued to be in receipt of 'Mel's monthly round-ups' featuring news from across the trust. The latest edition circulated is available [here](#).



## 9. Key Trust Communications for Governors

Key communications continue to be shared with Governors so that Council members remain in touch with developments at our Trust. Governors also continue to have access to Let's Talk (staff newsletter) and global emails containing a range of updates to staff.

## 10. My quarterly meetings with Governors

My next quarterly meeting with Governors will take place on 4 July from 5 to 6pm. Any issues arising from the session will be shared with the relevant Directors and feedback will be provided at

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the 20 July 2023 Council of Governors meeting. This meeting will be held in person. The venue will be confirmed shortly.

#### **11. Joint Forum: Governors and Non-Executive Directors**

Our next joint forum is scheduled for Thursday 20 July 2023 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm (prior to the next Council of Governors meeting). The outcomes from this session will be reported later that afternoon at the Council meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

The Council of Governors is asked to note this report.