

Council of Governors: Summary Sheet

Title of Paper: Appointment of Lead Governor

Presented By: Jayne Brown OBE, Trust Chair

Action Required:

For Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	For Ratification	<input type="checkbox"/>	For a decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Feedback	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vote required	<input type="checkbox"/>	For Receipt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To which duty does this refer:

Holding non-executive directors individually and collectively to account for the performance of the Board	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointment, removal and deciding the terms of office of the Chair and non-executive directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determining the remuneration of the Chair and non-executive directors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointing or removing the Trust's auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approving or not the appointment of the Trust's chief executive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receiving the annual report and accounts and Auditor's report	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representing the interests of members and the public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approving or not increases to non-NHS income of more than 5% of total income	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approving or not significant transactions including acquisitions, mergers, separations and dissolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jointly approving changes to the Trust's constitution with the Board	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expressing a view on the Trust's operational (forward) plans	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consideration on the use of income from the provision of goods and services from sources other than the NHS in England	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring the activities of the Trust to ensure that they are being conducted in a manner consistent with its terms of authorisation and the constitution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring the Trust's performance against its targets and strategic aims	<input type="checkbox"/>

How does this item support the functioning of the Council of Governors?

It is a requirement for NHS Foundation Trusts to appoint a lead governor. The current position-holder's term ends on 30th June and therefore the Council is required to appoint a successor.

Author of Report: Sam Stoddart

Designation: Deputy Board Secretary

Date: December 2019

Council of Governors

Date: 12 December 2019

Subject: Appointment of Lead Governor

From: Jayne Brown OBE, Trust Chair

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1. Purpose

<i>For approval</i>	<i>For a collective decision</i>	<i>To report progress</i>	<i>To seek input from</i>	<i>For information/assurance</i>	<i>Other (Please state below)</i>
					X
To vote for a Lead Governor whose two year term of office will commence 1 January 2020.					

2. Summary

At its meeting of 25 April 2019, the Council of Governors considered the role of lead governor and took the decision to appoint the current lead governor, Toby Morgan, for a six month period effective 1st July 2019. It was agreed that nominations should be sought shortly before a further vote taking place at the December CoG.

Letters were sent to all eligible governors in November seeking nominations for the position. In addition, governors were informed of an unintended consequence of the decision taken in April which meant Toby Morgan would not fit the eligibility criteria of having 2 years remaining on his term. Governors therefore agreed that this would be counter to the spirit of the decision and that Toby should be allowed to stand again.

Three governors have submitted nomination statements which are included at the end of this paper. They are Adam Butcher, Toby Morgan and Terry Proudfoot.

3. Next Steps

Governors will be asked to vote for their preferred candidate in the meeting. This will be carried out by means of a secret ballot with the result being made public at the end of the meeting.

4. Required Actions

CoG is asked to consider the candidate statements and vote during the meeting.

5. Monitoring Arrangements

The transparency of the process will be assured through the Council minutes.

6. Contact Details

For further information, please contact:

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Item 15a – Appointment of Lead Governor

Secret Ballot

Statement from Adam Butcher, Service User Governor



I would like to put my name forward for the Lead Governor post. I have been a governor for over 4 years and a member of the NRC Committee for the Council of Governors.

I have the experience of chairing meetings as I am the vice chair of the Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Customer forum and deputise for the chair on the Sheffield Adult Safeguarding Board.

I have a good working relationships with my fellow governors and with the NEDs and I think it is time for me to set up and support my fellow governors as the lead governor.

Statement from Toby Morgan, Service User Governor



I am re-standing in this election to hopefully continue as lead governor, which I have done for the last 6 months. However, I would like to continue as lead governor throughout my present remaining governor term of 1 year, 6 months taking my tenure to two years, which all previous lead governors have served.

Over the last 6 months I have facilitated governor pre-meets twice, a performance overview group and presented the role and purpose of governors at this year's annual members meeting, which I found to be an honour and privilege.

I also wish to see the role of deputy lead governor become established, a role which exists in other Trusts. From a leadership perspective this brings collaborative leadership.

I have been most impressed by the amazing support of governors across Council.

So lastly I wish to say despite difficult times that I believe some really good things have started to happen within both Council Of Governors and the Trust itself. I also feel I have more to offer as lead governor and so I hope you will allow me the honour of continuing.

Statement from Terry Proudfoot, Service User Governor



I am standing for the role of lead governor (LG) as I am committed to and care about governors and the relationship between governors, NEDs and Board. The LG is an important role; it is vital that the LG seeks to assist all governors to have a voice and be listened to.

I have several years' experience as a governor, an excellent attendance record and am friendly, approachable and honest. I am fair and impartial and weigh up the evidence in front of me. I have experience of chairing meetings at SYHA.

Recently I was the governor representative on the final panel for the CEO recruitment and have represented governors on the sub-committee for the external auditor, ensuring consideration of governor concerns and accountability.

I am a service user governor who has extensive personal experience of SHSC working age adult acute wards, CMHTs and other services. I appreciate that staff are doing a great job in a challenging environment. I previously worked as a vet but have over recent years been building my knowledge surrounding mental health and am two-thirds of the way through a Masters in Recovery in Mental Health which has emphasised the importance of the carer's role.