

Board of Directors (Open)

Date: 8 April 2020

Item Ref: 10

TITLE OF PAPER	Governor and Membership Update to March 2020
TO BE PRESENTED BY	Jayne Brown OBE, Chair
ACTION REQUIRED	Board is asked to receive and note the report for information

OUTCOME	Board will be informed about membership engagement which is taking place, the buoyancy of membership numbers along with updated information relating to governors and their activities.
TIMETABLE FOR DECISION	n/a
LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS/DECISIONS	n/a
STRATEGIC AIM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE BAF RISK NUMBER BAF RISK DESCRIPTION	Quality & Safety A103 We will provide a positive experience and improve outcomes for service users A103 Failure to systematically and adequately measure service user experience and outcomes.
LINKS TO NHS CONSTITUTION/OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS, RISK, OUTCOMES ETC	SHSC Membership Strategy NHS Constitution SHSC Constitution NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance
IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY & FINANCIAL IMPACT	n/a
CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES	n/a

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Date of Report	April 2020

Summary Report

1. Purpose

For approval	For assurance	For collective decision	To seek input from	To report progress	For information	Other (please state)
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2. Summary

Governor Update

Since the last report to Board in March, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the work of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee (NRC) in relation to the recruitment of the Trust Chair and Non-Executive Director. Shortlisting took place for both appointments. The Chair presentations and stakeholder groups were scheduled to take place on 31st March with interviews on 3rd April and the Non-Executive Director presentations and interviews scheduled to take place on 20th April. However, after approval by the NRC, both processes have been halted. A virtual meeting of the NRC will take place to consider options for ensuring the governance of the Trust can continue. NRC will make a recommendation for the Council of Governor's approval. Mechanisms for how this will be achieved are being explored.

The planned Council of Governor development has also been suspended and will resume when safe to do so.

Governor Questions

No new questions have been received.

Governor Elections

Scheduled governor elections have been postponed on the advice of NHS England. The Trust is currently exploring options for extending governor roles during this period.

Annual Members' Meeting 2020

Under the advice of NHS England to all NHS Trusts, the 2020 Annual Members' meeting which had been scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22nd September, has been deferred.

Membership

Membership stands at 12,003 at the end of March 2020. No membership events have taken place during March in line with advice from NHS England.

3. Next Steps

Membership numbers will continue to be monitored.

Governors will be asked to submit questions following this Board meeting and activities will be monitored.

4. Required Actions

None

5. Monitoring Arrangements

The Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary) has responsibility for and oversight of membership and governor matters.

6. Contact Details

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