

## Board of Directors (Open)

Date: 13 May 2020

Item Ref: 14

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

<b>OUTCOME</b>	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.
<b>TIMETABLE FOR DECISION</b>	n/a
<b>LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS/DECISIONS</b>	n/a
<b>STRATEGIC AIM</b> <b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE</b>  <b>BAF RISK NUMBER</b> <b>BAF RISK DESCRIPTION</b>	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.
<b>LINKS TO NHS CONSTITUTION/OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS, RISK, OUTCOMES ETC</b>	SHSC Membership Strategy <a href="#">NHS Constitution</a> <a href="#">SHSC Constitution</a> <a href="#">NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance</a>
<b>IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY &amp; FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>	n/a
<b>CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES</b>	n/a

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# Summary Report

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## 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 April, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee discussed by virtual means mechanisms to ensure continued leadership and board governance during the Covid-19 pandemic as a result of having to stop the Chair and Non-Executive Director appointment process. Their recommendations will be presented to the Council of Governors at a virtual meeting to take place on 14 May 2020.

The Trust has been adopting NHS England/Improvement's guidance in relation governors, elections and communication. As such, the planned Council of Governors meeting for 30 April was cancelled and a virtual one scheduled as mentioned above. The Chair has been in regular contact with the Lead Governor both exploring ways in which governors can continue to engage with and hold the board to account. Existing mechanisms and support remain in place but further options are being considered, particularly in relation to the governors' ability to engage with the Trust following its inspection outcome.

### Governor Questions

One question has been received during April to which a response will be provided within the given timescale.

### Governor Elections

The Trust is seeking advice from NHS Providers in relation to governor elections and the impact delays may have in the event that CoG has to undertake any of its statutory duties.

### Membership

Membership stands at 12,002 at the end of April 2020. No membership events have taken place during March in line with advice from NHS England. However, the Trust has emailed members to inform them of the CQC inspection outcome and the steps its will be taking to address issues raised. This will be followed by the publication of Involve magazine which will be sent to all members who do not have email addresses.

**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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