

## Board of Directors - Open

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<b>TITLE OF PAPER</b>	<b>Governor and Membership Update to end July 2020</b>
<b>TO BE PRESENTED BY</b>	Mike Potts, 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 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE BAF RISK NUMBER BAF RISK DESCRIPTION</b>	Create a great place to work CQC: Getting back to good BAF.0004 There is a risk that the Trust is unable to improve the quality of patient care
<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

## 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

A second virtual Council of Governors meeting was held on 23 July where governors received the Trust's Annual Report and the Auditor's report on the accounts. It also received assurance regarding both the process and outcome of Non-Executive Director (NED) appraisals, and the Chair's appraisal. The Council were notified of the change in the Trust Chair and were introduced to Mike Potts who took over the role from 1 August 2020.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) met on 20 July and discussed the resumption of the Audit Chair appointment and the current NED vacancy. The Committee agreed that the appointment process for the former would be resumed and consideration will need to be given by the Board to the key requirements for the current vacancy.

A number of governors came to the end of their terms of office. Three governors had served a full three terms, or nine years with the Trust. They were Janet Sullivan who was an appointed governor for Sheffield Mencap, Sue Highton, a Staffside appointed governor and Jules Jones, a public governor in addition to Maggie Young, AHP Staff Governor who had served three years. Their contributions have been greatly valued.

### Governor Questions

Three questions were received in June and all received responses. No questions were received in July.

### Governor Elections

Elections resumed in June with a total of 12 seats available in 9 constituencies.

Constituency	No Seats Available	Candidates
Public South West	1	Dr Ben Duke – appointed unopposed
Public South East	2	Professor Chris Digman Anthony Clayton Both appointed unopposed

<b>Public North West</b>	1	Sylvia Hartley – reappointed unopposed
<b>Public Rest of England</b>	1	No candidates
<b>Young Service User/Carer</b>	2	Natasha Wilson – appointed unopposed 1 vacancy remains
<b>Service User</b>	2	Rebecca Lawler Julian Payne Catherine Prior Nev Wheeler OB
<b>Staff – Allied Health Professionals</b>	1	Amber Wild – appointed unopposed
<b>Staff – Central Support</b>	1	Adam Rogers – reappointed unopposed
<b>Staff – Clinical Support</b>	1	No candidates

Three seats remain vacant: Public Rest of England, Young Service User/Carer and Clinical Support Staff. The outcome of the service user governor election will be published on 28 August 2020.

### **Membership**

Membership stands at 11609 at the end of July 2020. No membership events have taken place in line with advice from NHS England. However, Involve magazine was published and sent to all members in July providing information about the governor elections as well as formally introducing the Chief Executive and providing more information about the Trust's journey back to good. As a result of its publication, the Trust has been able to undertake a data cleanse with almost 400 members being removed. This number is likely to continue to grow over the next month.

### **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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