

## Council of Governors' Meeting

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### 1. Introduction

This is an exciting period for East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust having recently passed our first 100 days as a new organisation. Our regions of representation now include Colchester, Ipswich, the Rest of Essex and the Rest of Suffolk. I think we are in agreement of our responsibilities as Public, Staff and Stakeholder Governors in representing our constituencies in good governance for the Trust, engaging with our membership and holding the board to account.

### 2. The First 100 Days for the Council of Governors

Our role as Governors should be taken very seriously and. It is important for us to have an active part in the governance of our Trust. In these first 100 days, we have had to learn and share experiences as we go, building a council that reflects our membership across the region.

#### i. Training for the New Governors

Whether we are new in our post or continuing in our roles as Governors, it is important that we develop the knowledge and understanding of our roles. In creating a council that is confident and eager to represent members from all parts of our constituencies, we have taken opportunities to see how best we can serve them. These have included the following training events:

- The Constitutional Role of the Governors
- Conflicts of Interest and the Code of Conduct
- Engaging with Members and the Public
- Strategy questions help guide

I would like to make a suggestion that new Governors and longer standing members act as mentors for each other.

#### ii. New Committees that have been established

We have created new committees that will be instrumental in carrying out our roles and responsibilities as Governors. The Informal Meetings with the Chairman will allow us to meet intermittently between Council of Governor meetings. Using this opportunity, we can build relations between ourselves, discuss events, and raise appropriate questions to the board in matters involving the Trust.

With the Strategy and Engagement Meetings, we will be working closely with the Trust's Communications and Strategy teams. This gives us the opportunity for a group of Governors to understand how these teams can help build an engagement programme that best suits our growing membership. This group will then be reporting to the Council of Governors about opportunities for engagement with our members across all demographics.

### **iii. Meetings the Governors have been invited to and attended**

Something that I see as important in our role is representation and meeting with our membership and the public. We have started making inroads in creating more of these opportunities as we have now established the Strategy and Engagement Group. We have had Governors out already meeting and engaging with the public at events in Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton on Sea. We also have Governors attending Colchester Institute's Representatives meeting in December to strengthen our links with our younger service users.

Internally, we have Governors attending a range of meetings across our sites giving important representation to our membership and the wider public. These include groups such as:

- Ipswich Hospital User Group
- Travel and Access Committee
- AccessAble (formerly DisabledGo)
- Quality Improvement
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion Steering Group
- Fair Access to Colchester

### **iv. Achievements for the Council of Governors**

In these first 100 days, our Governors have taken on responsibilities that have helped the wider Trust going forward creating noticeable achievements in shaping our Trust. We have successfully appointed a Chairperson for our Trust. The workings of our Appointments and Performance Groups has led to the appointments of six Non-Executive Directors, with other Governors offering their assistance and guidance in the shortlisting rounds. This has also involved the successful work on the Non-Executive Director remunerations.

### **v. Assignment of Governors to Groups**

The table below demonstrates how our Governors have been getting involved in the various groups we have running in the Trust. These groups and committees do change throughout the year due to Governor commitments so if you see an area you would want to participate in please let the Membership office know.

Committee	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5	Member 6	Member 7	Member 8	Member 9	Member 10	Member 11
Lead Governor	Michael Horley										
Appointments & Performance	Janet Brazier	Michael Loveridge	Helen Vanstone	Gordon Scopes	Michael Horley	Issac Ferneyhough	Donna Booton	Tony Rollo	Gordon Jones		
Standards Committee	Paul Ellis	John Price	Sue Hayes	Sharmila Gupta	Helen Chauh						
Strategy Engagement	Jennifer Rivett	Paul Ellis	Elizabeth Smith	Janet Brazier	Michael Loveridge	Helen Vanstone	John Alborough	Donna Booton	Louise Palmer	Vikki Jo Scott	
Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	Jane Young	David Wellbourn									
Finance & Performance Assurance committee	Michael Horley	Jennifer Rivett									
Quality & Patient Safety Assurance Committee	Ian Marsh	Helen Vanstone									
People and Organisational Development Assurance Committee	Elizabeth Smith	Donna Booton									
Charitable Funds	Gillian Orves	John Alborough									
Walkabouts (Colchester based)	Michael Horley	Paul Ellis	Elizabeth Smith	Michael Loveridge	John Price	Joanna Kirchner	Joanne Thain	Chris Hall	Donna Booton	Vikki Jo Scott	
Walkabouts (Ipswich based)	Susan Hayes	Ian Marsh	Helen Vanstone	Gillian Orves	David Welbourn	John Alborough	Gordon Scopes	Joanne Thain	Jennifer Rivett	Chris Hall	Louise Palmer

### 3. Plans for the Rest of the Year

The opportunities and challenges of our roles in the Council of Governors will continue to develop in the coming year. Looking forward to these exciting times, we must identify our priorities and where we can do our best work for the Trust.

#### i. Call for Governors to fill Group Vacancies

We are grateful to our Governors who have volunteered to fill the group vacancies. Unfortunately, it was not possible to give everybody their preferred choice, but we will review memberships later in the year to ensure there is a fair allocation.