

Council of Governors' Meeting

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Introduction

The last couple of months have seen several changes involving the Council of Governors and this Lead Governor report provides me with the opportunity to raise awareness to several of these in case there has been anything overlooked in these busy times.

New Governors

As you are aware in the last few months we have had several Governors step down from their role. Following this we have had new Governors take their positions and have already begun working with fellow Governors. They are as follows:

- David Gronland, Public Governor for the Rest of Essex
- Ronald Llewellyn, Public Governor for Ipswich
- David Miller, Public Governor for the Rest of Suffolk

As most of us were new to the role not that long ago we can all sympathise there is a lot to learn and understand when starting. Therefore I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome and give them guidance as and when needed.

Upcoming CQC visit

As a newly formed organisation we knew at some point in the future we would be having a CQC visit scheduled. We have now had those dates confirmed as to when they will be visiting both sites.

I am pleased to hear that we have had a wide range of Governors with different experiences and skills that have taken their time out of their schedules to help. A lot of you have already stepped forward and offered to help the Director of Governance with the Well Led inspection in mid-July. Please let the membership office know if you wish to support the Trust in this or other activities.

Changes to the Strategy & Engagement Group

At the last Strategy and Engagement Group meeting there was an agreement that the group's focus would now move from Organisational Strategy to Engagement. This led to discussions that included working relations between the Council of Governors and the Patient Experience User Groups.

The meeting also included an agreed change to the Terms of Reference. This included meetings now being held bi-monthly. Whilst the minutes will still be sent out to all Governors and, a short precis will be provided for the Council of Governors meeting.