



Public Council of Governors, Minutes of the meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 03 June 2021, 10.00am-12.00pm

Attended

Helen Taylor, Chair of ESNEFT (Chair)
Chris Hall, Public Governor, Colchester
Paul Ellis, Public Governor, Colchester
Margaret Llewellyn, Public Governor Ipswich
Janet Brazier, Public Governor, Rest of Essex
David Gronland, Public Governor, Rest of Essex
Helen Rose, Public Governor, Rest of Suffolk
Jane Young, Public Governor, Rest of Essex
Gillian Orves, Public Governor, Rest of Suffolk
David Welbourn, Public Governor, Rest of Suffolk and Lead Governor
Isaac Ferneyhough, Staff Governor, Colchester
Helen Chuah, Stakeholder Governor, Colchester Borough Council
Carlo Guglielmi, Stakeholder Governor, Essex County Council
Tim Newton, Public Governor, Ipswich

John Alborough, Public Governor, Rest of Suffolk
Philip Davy, Public Governor, Rest of Suffolk
Robert Ager, Staff Governor, Colchester
Allison Weston, Staff Governor, Ipswich
Rory Marriott, Public Governor, Ipswich
Louise Palmer, Staff Governor, Ipswich
Zoe Dawson-Couper, Stakeholder Governor, Garrison

Also in Attendance

Nick Hulme, Chief Executive
Denver Greenhalgh, Director of Governance
Angela Tillett, Chief Medical Officer
Jan Ingle, Deputy Director of Communication and Engagement.
Carole Taylor-Brown, Non-Executive Director
Paul Fenton, Director of Estates and Facilities
Adrian Marr, Director of Finance
Lorna Fraser, EA to

Director of Finance
Mark Millar, Non-Executive Director
Elaine Noske, Non-Executive Director
Richard Youngs, Non-Executive Director
Andy Morris, Associate Non-Executive Director
Madeline Hughes, Administration Assistant (scribe)

Apologies

Sharmila Gupta, Staff Governor, Colchester
Neil MacDonald, Stakeholder Governor, IBC
Barry Wheatcroft, Public Governor, Rest of Essex
Laurence Collins, Public Governor, Ipswich
Deborah Potticary, Stakeholder Governor, Healthwatch Essex
Elizabeth Smith, Public Governor, Rest of Essex
Vikki Jo Scott, Stakeholder Governor, University of Essex

Items were not necessarily discussed in order of the agenda

01/21 Welcome and Apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Council of Governor meeting and explained we had more apologies than normal due to this meeting being held during school holiday dates.

Apologies for absence were received from Sharmila Gupta, Barry Wheatcroft, Laurence Collins, Elizabeth Smith, Neil Macdonald, Vikki Jo-Scott and Deborah Potticary.

02/21 Governors Declarations of Interests

The Chair gave the Council of Governor members an opportunity to mention any interests in relation to the agenda items, there were none.

03/21 Minutes and Action Log of the meeting held on 13 April 2021

The minutes and action log of the meeting held on 13 April 2021 were approved as a correct and accurate record.

It was clarified that Helen Rose should be referred to as Helen Rose and not Helen Vanstone

There were no outstanding actions.

04/21 Chair's Report

As follows:

- Thanked the volunteers which includes the governors as it is national volunteers week.
- The chair encouraged the Council of governors to read the newsletter or look on the website to see the stories that are shared with staff from volunteers.
- This month is pride month and pride flags are being flown over the main hospital sites and our embrace network has got a new rainbow logo which they are using this month to support pride month.
- Ipswich town football club have brought out new kits and the launch will feature several ESNEFT colleagues in their new football strip because the shirts include thank you NHS as a message for the 2nd year running.
- The football club will make a donation from the shirts, last year this was £8,000.
- Colchester hospital was awarded 1st place to train as an orthopaedic surgeon in the region, Ipswich was placed 3rd.
- Trainee Doctors have improved their Endoscopy skills and have introduced a simulator that allows them to treat patients without touching them.
- A virtual fracture clinic has been introduced to mainstream practice and now the doctors can look at notes, history and X-rays within 24 hours so patients are saved an unnecessary trip to hospital to be discharged face to face.
- The Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited the hospital on the morning of the 27th of May 2021 and visited several areas, staff and patients. He was particularly thinking of the restart of the elective care. He thanked staff for their continued hard work and the chair shared how we were honoured to be the trust he chose to visit.
- The previous week we welcomed Tom Hunt the MP for Ipswich who visited our new Acute Medical same day emergency centre and the operations centre.

The Chair thanked Janet Brazier, who has reached the end of her terms and cannot stand again, for being an active governor and for being involved for years, sometimes with her Husband Chris Brazier by her side.

The chair then thanked Tonia Evans, Louise Palmer, Chris Hall and Joanna Kirchner for being active governors as they have reached the end of this term and decided to not stand again for governor.

The Chair wished those standing again success and shared that elections would end early the next week.

05/21 Chief Executive Update

Mr Hulme highlighted the following for the Council of Governors information:

- The Prime Minister visited and he listened to everything that was said about all upcoming things in the trust, Mr Hulme and Mr Boris Johnson were both happy about this visit.
- £10 million has been invested into the trust from the government for recovery
- The future focus needs to be on Transformation and updating how things are done in the hospital.
- There are 29 pathways that are low complexity to do with the get it right first time to look at starting and optimising theatres.
- The Council of Governors could be involved as observers in outpatient work.
- Super weekends are going to be introduced with extended clinic times and also a mobile theatre based outside the front of the hospital to take on some work for West Suffolk patients.
- A major cancer restraint we have is the first step to diagnostic so having elective care move away will create some space.
- During the pandemic around 16% of newly diagnosed cancer may have been missed due to services being closed.
- The CQC issues are being led and NHS is growing and ACE is now part of the NHS family.

Questions and Comments

Mr Guglielmi asked if the trust was lined up with Tendring and other agencies regarding Alcohol, Drug and Domestic abuse. Mr Hulme shares that he hopes so and that the alliance the trust has is well established and what makes the trust different is the involvement of the district. Mr Hulme asked that Mr Guglielmi sends his concern in an email to him and he will follow this up to make sure we are engaged.

Mr Welbourn asks if the Orthopaedic centre could be accelerated with more support provided, and asks what is the opportunity for completing this faster? Mr Hulme confirms that planning permission is in the works and that business plans are going ahead but they will know for definite on the 17th of June.

Mr Hulme carries on to say they are asking for extra money to add more kit as they are in a strong position to do so and that he mentioned the need for additional funding to the Prime Minister when he visited.

Mr Welbourn asks how governors can be of help to this project, Mr Hulme explains that a question they have is how can they include governors and representatives of their constituencies to help with things like how best to deliver to new outpatients

Mr Hulme shares that a more virtual/technology based route is being looked at, it needs to be taken into consideration how to best support those who do not have the skills, knowledge or resources to take advantage of that. Equally it is unnecessary that people travel into hospital for some information or to be discharged when it could just be done virtually.

The Chair highlighted that the day before the meeting an email was circulated about having Governor input on the elective Orthopaedic centre.

Mr Gronland asked Mr Hulme what the hospitals views were on "Assisted suicide" and Mr Hulme suggested to Mr Gronland that he didn't expect this question and it is a conversation at a much higher level and that he would not share his personal views on the subject.

Ms Chuah Declared that she may need to register a conflict of interest for a future committee meeting and the chair reminded the governors that this is the correct thing to do.

06/21 Health Inequalities

The Chair gives a brief explanation of the next subject and introduces Ms Tillett to the meeting.

Ms Tillett shares the following with the Council of Governors:

- The most disadvantaged people are more likely to get ill and less likely to get the help they need
- Equality and equity are very different and equity needed more within health care.
- Mortality rate has been higher for disabled people during the pandemic
- Ms Tillett uses virtual practices and is quite fond of them for multiple reasons.
- There is a strong positive case of obesity in children in year 6 and children in deprivation.
- Obesity is three times higher in deprived areas.
- Most deprived patients had lower waiting times because they were getting help too late so they had increased immediacy.
- Making every contact count is an important programme helping to make discussion to improve peoples lives.
- A 14 Week programme is being introduced that will have a long term beneficial effect on children and their families who are at high risk of obesity.
- Child death rates are too high for asthma.
- Further data is needed for access to data to be improve equitable access.
- Tabaco treatment- rates have risen locally in our younger generation.

Questions and Comments

Ms Young shared her views on the subject, explained this is an ongoing issue and asked what is going to happen, as she believes this is a problem with education.

Ms Tillett agreed with Ms Young and pulled the attention back to the slides to show the council what action they are taking.

Mr Newton shares his experience as an Ipswich representative for Public Health collaboration charity and explains he may be useful for connecting people and raises awareness of resources that are available regarding the subject of weight management.

The Chair thanked Ms Tillett and moved the meeting forward.

07/21 Verbal reports from observation of Quality and Patient safety.

The Chair started by saying that a governor observation template for committee meetings will be reintroduced soon.

Mr Wheatcroft and Mr Collins both sent apologies for the meeting so this item could not go ahead.

08/21 Verbal reports from Observation of Performance

Mr Welbourn comments that as an observer he thinks that governors should play a role for the whole council and pick out things that are important to feedback to the council.

Mr Welbourn shared that Ms Taylor-Brown is a very good chair, she manages a very complex agenda and every NED in this committee plays a strong role, which is very focused on the theme of the meeting.

Mr Newton shared his praises of the meeting and how well the NEDs do in their line of work.

09/21 Verbal reports from Observation of people and organisational development

Ms Rose shared that Mr Spencer had made her and Ms Weston feel extremely welcome and was a great host.

Ms Rose reported that Mr Ridler was a very active participant in this meeting and that attendees were given plenty of chance to comment.

10/21 Verbal reports from observation of Audit and risk

Ms Rose and Ms Llewellyn share their views of the meeting, they appreciated the complexity and risk that the NEDs dealt with well.

Ms Rose was very happy with the questions the NEDs raised in the meeting whilst keeping the public in mind.

Ms Llewellyn agreed with Ms Rose although challenged that she could have been better informed and as a new governor, she needed a better grasp on who was who and understanding acronyms.

11/21 Verbal report from the lead governor

Mr Welbourn shared his opinion on the integrated care system (ICS) and how collectively it will be for the greater good.

Mr Welbourn shared how he has recently spoken to Mrs Tammy Hughes and how the future looks positive and full of opportunity for the council of governors.

Mr Hulme explains there may be a more of a governing influence in the future in more of an ICS role and how this may be a conversation to have offline and bring back to a future meeting.

12/21 Any Other Business

Ms Brazier took time to thank all staff for everything they have done for Mr Chris Brazier recently whilst he has been having surgery at the hospital.

Ms Brazier asked to be kept in mind for any volunteering that may be upcoming as she is coming to the end of her role as a governor.

Ms Brazier sadly reported to the council that a previous governor- Mr Robin Rennie passed away 2 days before this meeting.

Mr Newton reported information he heard from an integrated care academy meeting he attended, he gave positive feedback and shared hope for the future.

The Chair thanked members for attending. She reminded them of the informal session meeting that was taking place on Tuesday 15 June and hoped to see governors there.

The Chair declared the meeting closed.