

Council of Governors

29 June 2023

Report Title:	Council of Governors' Standards Committee
Executive/NED Lead:	Director of Governance
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Previously considered by:	N/A

Approval

 Discussion

 Information

 Assurance

Executive summary		
<p>As part of the review of governance arrangements and support to the Council, all Terms of Reference have been reconsidered and revised.</p> <p>The Trust Constitution at 5.9 confirms the committees, sub committees and joint committees established by the Council of Governors as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Governors Standards Committee • Appointments and Performance Committee. <p>The Council may not delegate any of its powers to these Committees.</p> <p>All governors joining the Council are required to meet the Trust values and to sign agreement to the Council of Governors' Code of Conduct. At 1.3 it states:</p> <p><i>Any alleged breach of this Code will be referred to the Council of Governors Standards Committee through the Chair.</i></p> <p>Any decision of the Standards Committee would be presented to the Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p>As the Standards Committee has not met for some time, the Terms of Reference are presented for review and approval. Appointments to all Committees were confirmed at the Council meeting in December 2022, whilst there is further work to do on identifying deputies. It is proposed that a meeting of the Committee is held later in 2023/24 to reconsider the Governors' Code of Conduct and propose any subsequent amendments, which may impact on these Terms of Reference.</p>		
Action Required of the Council		
The Council is invited to consider and approve the revised Terms of Reference.		
Link to Strategic Objectives (SO)		Please tick
SO1	Keep people in control of their health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO2	Lead the integration of care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO3	Develop our centres of excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Support and develop our staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SO5	Drive technology enabled care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risk Implications for the Trust <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences)</i>		
Trust Risk Appetite	The Board has a cautious risk appetite when it comes to compliance and regulatory issues. Where the laws, regulations and standards are about the delivery of safe, high quality care, it will make every effort to meet regulator expectations and comply with them and will only challenge them if there is strong evidence or argument to do so.	
Legal and regulatory implications <i>(including links to CQC outcomes, Monitor, inspections, audits, etc.)</i>	Meeting all governance requirements of being an NHS Foundation Trust and ensuring that the Council of Governors is supported to undertake its general duties in line with legislative requirements.	
Financial Implications	N/A	
Equality and Diversity	Working closely with the corporate communications and engagement team to enable hard to reach communities to engage with the Trust.	