

## Council of Governors

19 September 2023

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Lead Governor Election Process</b>
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**Approval**

**Discussion**

**Information**

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### Executive summary

There is a regulatory expectation that each Foundation Trust will have a Lead Governor in place to support any necessary communication between regulators and the Council. For this Trust, relevant provisions have been placed in the Standing Orders of the Council.

The current provisions of Standing Orders require that an election for Lead Governor is held every 12 months (SO 3.5.4.).

Helen Rose was re-elected to the role in November 2022 for a 12 month period, as advised to the Council of Governors in public on 13 December 2022. The Council was also advised at that time that there was the possibility of the term of office changing as feedback from the externally commissioned well-led review was reviewed, and to align with the election of governors to Council.

A detailed review of the Trust Constitution is underway. Further debate is required to ensure that this fully reflects ESNEFT requirements, and proposals are not yet ready for presentation. The Lead Governor role forms part of that review.

The Council is therefore asked to consider the suspension of Standing Order 3.5 to enable Helen Rose to continue as Lead Governor for an additional four months to enable this work to complete.

### Action Required of the Council

The Council of Governors is invited to agree to suspend Standing Order 3.5 to

- a. Enable Helen Rose to continue as Lead Governor to the meeting of Council on 13 March 2024;
- b. Hold an election for Lead Governor once the Trust Constitution has been revised.