

Council of Governors' Meeting
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Introduction

This has been an interesting few months since our last Council meeting. It is good to see that the Governors have been settling into their roles following a steep learning curve at the start of their term.

Some Governors also requested opportunities to get to know each other better. Listening to the feedback, I decided to set up Informal meetings for Governors to achieve this goal, which are now well under way.

Lead Governor Diary

Following the most recent Informal Governors meeting that took place in January it was decided that I would include a diary in my report to inform other Governors of my duties:

December 2018

- 7th Regional Lead Governors meeting (Cambridge)
- 13th Informal Meeting with Chair
1:1 with Chair
Strategy and Engagement Group
- 20th Finance & Performance Assurance Committee
Strategy and Engagement Meeting

January 2019

- 3rd Strategy & Engagement Group
- 22nd Meeting with the Company Secretary and Senior Independent Director
Appointments and Performance
- 24th Finance and Performance Assurance Committee
- 30th 1:1 with Chair
Informal meeting of Governors
- 31st ESNEFT Public Board

February 2019

- 5th Strategy and Engagement Group
Informal meeting of Governors
Sepsis and deteriorating patient meeting
- 21st PPG meeting at Mill Road Surgery on Trust Strategy with Medical Director
- 28th Finance and Performance Assurance Committee
Informal meeting of Governors

Attendance at meetings

It has come to my attention that we have had low attendance in some meetings involving the Governors. I am aware that location of meetings being held at either hospital or offsite at Pinewood has been a contributing factor.

The Trust is trying to resolve some of these problems by arranging car sharing and cooperation between staff. There has also been Public Transport Guide produced to help

with commuting between sites.

Time off for staff Governors to attend meetings is a continuing problem and again, the Trust is trying to ensure that staff governors are supported to have time to attend them. Please contact the Membership Office if they can support you in these matters.

Public Governor Resignation

I am sorry to report that a Public Governor for our Rest of Suffolk constituency has decided to step down from her role. Helen Vanstone joined us having previously experienced the merger process of another Trust before being elected at ESNEFT. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Trust Strategy

We have an exciting time ahead as a Trust and thus as a Council of Governors. The ESNEFT Strategy for 2019/24 is taking shape and looks good for the public and our members in North Essex and East Suffolk.

The Strategy and Engagement group have been kept informed of its developments. At our February meeting, all Governors were invited to discuss the strategy. We had a robust session in our roles as Governors holding the Trust to account and delivered some invaluable feedback. It was decided amongst the Committee members that minutes should be circulated to all Governors. If you have not received these, please talk to the Membership Office about being added to the distribution list.

Walkabouts

Walkabouts began in February at Ipswich Hospital and I trust the new Governors are getting to know the Hospitals and their services better. I am pleased to see that there was a high level of interest to participate amongst new and established Governors working together.