

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING – PUBLIC SESSION

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 3.15pm  
Kettering Room, Corn Market Hall, London Road, Kettering

Present	Designation
Paul Bertin	Chairman
Brenda McCraith	Public governor – Kettering & Corby
Michael Darling	Public governor – Daventry & South Northants
Anthony Bagot-Webb	Public governor – Daventry & South Northants
Katherine Deaville	Public governor – Daventry & South Northants
John Walker	Public governor – Wellingborough & East Northants
Janet Hathaway	Public governor – Wellingborough & East Northants
Tremaine Richard-Noel	Younger Service User governor
Tony Locock	Adult Service User governor
Priscilla Brown	Carer Governor
Alan Devenish	Carer Governor
Sandra Wright	Carer Governor
Claire Higgins	Staff Governor- Unregistered Nurses
Alex Scott	Staff governor – Registered Nurses
Suzanne Johnson	Staff Governor- Non Clinical
Cllr Rosemary Herring	Partner Governor- Borough & District Councils
Liam Condron	Partner Governor- Older People – Age UK Northamptonshire

In attendance	Designation
Angela Hillery	Chief Executive
Richard Wheeler	Finance Director
Julie Shepherd	Director of Nursing, AHP's & Quality
Sandra Mellors	Chief Operating Officer
Moira Ingham	Non-Executive Director
Chris Oakes	Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development
Paul Martin	Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs
Tracey Davies	Corporate Affairs Manager
Ian Dodds	Member
Richard Dobson	Member
Tereas Dobson	Member
Dora Shergold	Member

Minute	Agenda Topic and Discussion						
COG16-49	<b>1. Chairman's Introduction and welcome</b>						
COG16-49a	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.						
COG16-49b	<u>Apologies for absence</u>  Apologies were received from: <table border="1" data-bbox="260 2011 1455 2116"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Joe Sims</td> <td>Public governor – Kettering &amp; Corby</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gail Sutherland</td> <td>Public Governor- Northampton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roger Webb</td> <td>Public Governor- Northampton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Joe Sims	Public governor – Kettering & Corby	Gail Sutherland	Public Governor- Northampton	Roger Webb	Public Governor- Northampton
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Des Savage	Public Governor- Northampton
Hector Graham	Public Governor- Wellingborough & East Northants
Beverley Sturdgess	Adult Service User governor
Dennis Holland	Adult Service User governor
Colin Russell	Adult Service User governor
William Miller	Adult Service User governor
Kevin Boyce	Adult Service User governor
Carol Thorne-Smith	Older Service User Governor
Sandra Bemrose	Carer Governor
Nick Mann	Staff governor – Doctors and Dentists
Jacquie Gowans	Staff governor – Other Clinical
Steven Brooks	Partner Governor- Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council
John Turnbull	Partner Governor- University of Northampton
Judy Shephard	Partner Governor- Northamptonshire County Council
Alistair Watson	Non-Executive Director
Bruce Minty	Non-Executive Director
Bev Messinger	Non-Executive Director
Jane Carr	Associate Non-Executive Director

COG16-50	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest made.</p>
COG16-51 COG16-51a	<p><b>3. Governor Membership Update</b></p> <p>There were no updates to report.</p>
COG16-52 COG16-52a COG16-52b	<p><b>4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Matters arising from the minutes</u></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
COG16-52	<p><b>5. Endorsement of appointment of Trust Chair</b></p> <p>Antony Bagot-Webb noted that in the earlier private session of the Council of Governors that Crishti Waring has been appointed as the new Trust Chair and that she will commence in post from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. Dora Shergold, member, queried if there had been service user involvement in the recruitment process it is was confirmed there had been.</p>
COG16-53 COG16-53a COG16-53b	<p><b>6. Environmental update from Governors</b></p> <p>Michael Darling summarised the topics that had been discussed in the Governors’ pre-meet in advance of this meeting, which included:</p> <p>Governors’ highlighted recent pressures at the two acute hospitals A&amp;E departments and queried whether it impacted on NHFT services. Angela Hillery explained both acutes regularly experienced significant pressures and that the Trust was part of the health system response for managing these</p>

	occurrences.
COG16-53c	The junior doctor's forthcoming industrial action was raised. Angela Hillery confirmed the Trust is part of the countywide planning relating to this issue.
COG16-53d	Governors queried the Remuneration report within the Annual Report and whether benchmarking had been undertaken to ensure NHFT executive pay is in line with other trusts. Paul Bertin assured the Governors that the executive pay is benchmarked and is not excessive compared to other trusts.
COG16-53e	Governors sought and received clarification over the number of inquests that the Trust was involved in. A further query was raised on whether any work had been undertaken on unexpected deaths. It was reported that the trust has a task and finish group looking into all unexpected deaths for assurance and the report will be taken to the public session of the Board of Directors in November. It was noted Julie Shepherd and Alex O'Neill-Kerr (Medical Director) are also part of a learning group external to the Trust. Priscilla Brown queried if relatives/carers are supported when a patient dies, Angela explained they will be signposted to relevant support, if needed, and if immediate support if needed it will be given.
COG16-54	<b>7. Chief Executive's Report</b>
COG16-54a	<p>Angela Hillery, Chief Executive, briefed the Council on a range of current issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela noted that the financial sustainability risk rating and Governance rating had been achieved for quarter one.</li> <li>• In terms of the multispecialty community provider (MCP) emerging care model, it was noted more information would be shared with governors in due course.</li> <li>• Angela noted that the Trust is likely to have a new CQC inspection in January 2017.</li> <li>• The new Crisis House (The Warren) was highlighted as a positive development</li> <li>• Awards which the Trust had recently won were highlighted including the sustainability award</li> <li>• Finally, Angela updated Governors that the Trust will be intending to withdraw from providing Low Secure mental health services and would instead be looking to increase Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) services.</li> </ul> <p>There were no further questions on the report and the Council thanked Angela for a comprehensive and useful report.</p>
COG16-55	<b>8. Reports from Sub Groups written briefings on key issues</b>
	For this meeting, sub group Chairs had been asked to submit written reports on their last sub group meeting and there were no further questions or queries raised at the meeting
COG16-56	<b>9. Sub Groups Terms of Reference</b>
	<p>Paul Martin, Deputy Director, Corporate Affairs explained that all the Council of Governors sub groups had been asked to review their terms of reference, which were therefore being brought to the full council for agreement.</p> <p>The terms of reference were agreed for the all Council of Governors sub groups.</p>
COG16-57	<b>10. Any Other Business</b>

	<p>Michael Darling reminded the Council that the Chair's term of office expired on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and therefore this would be Paul Bertin's last Council of Governors meeting as Chair. Michael thanked Paul Bertin for his contribution in the role of Chair including his leadership and support of the Council's work, and also in his work previous to that as a Non-Executive Director. Paul expressed his thanks and said it had been a pleasure to serve the Trust as Chair.</p>
COG16-58	<p><b>11. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10am, Far Cotton Resource Centre, Northampton</p>