

**Report to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Council of Governors Meeting**

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**Report from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Membership & Governance meeting**

Items to highlight from the meeting:

**1. Credit Unions**

It was agreed that a representative from Northamptonshire Credit Union should be invited to meet with Governors and members of the Trust's management team to discuss in more detail the operation, benefits and potential promotion of credit union membership to NHFT staff and service users (this meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and the outcome of which will be reported to the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Membership & Governance meeting).

**2. Membership Strategy**

Progress against the targets was reviewed with no material issues highlighted. The sub group was pleased to note that the Service User and Carer overall membership target for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 had been reached.

The sub group also discussed how the remit of the Membership Strategy Working Group was to be progressed.

**3. Overview of Issues Raised by Governors via the Issues Log**

The sub group agreed the issue of gaining assurance from Locality Managers that GP practices could secure timely access to CMHTs, including Crisis teams, was not yet fully resolved, and therefore would continue to be pursued.

**4. Annual Public and Members' Meeting**

The sub group was briefed on the requirements under the Health & Social Care Act 2012 to give Foundation Trust Members the opportunity to vote on amendments to the Constitution which related to the power, duties or roles of the Council of Governors and commented on the process to be adopted.

**5. 2013 Workplan**

It was confirmed that a review of appointed governor seats was scheduled for the September 2013 Membership & Governance meeting.

**6. Foundation Trust Network: Governor training and development –  
Accountability module**

It was agreed that two Membership & Governance members should be invited to attend this training course and nominations would be sought.

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On behalf of the Membership & Governance Sub Group