Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
2nd December 2020

TITLE	**Governor Activities**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This paper provides a short summary of the activities of the Governors since the last Council of Governors meeting.
The Council is asked to:	Note the summary
Submitted by:	Danny Sparkes, Lead Governor and Public Governor for Runnymede, Surrey Heath, Windsor and Maidenhead
Date:	December 2020
Decision:	For Noting

Governor Activities

Since the last meeting update of Governors' activities at the Council of Governors on 2nd September 2020, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

10th September	**Staff Governor Meeting**	Staff Governors met with the Director of Workforce Transformation to share feedback from staff and were updated on initiatives.
16th September	**Quality Account Assurance Group**	Several Governors attended to listen to progress on the Quality Account priorities.
30th September	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Committee members discussed the interview panel's recommendation for candidates to be appointed as Non-Executive Director and Associate Non-Executive Director
30th September	**Constitution Group Committee**	The committee discussed proposed changes to the Trust's Constitution.
14th October	**Annual Members' Meeting**	This was the first virtual Annual Members' Meeting which was attended by several Governors.
21st October	**Schwartz Round**	Schwartz Rounds are a forum for hospital staff from all backgrounds to come together to talk about the emotional and social challenges of caring for patients. A few of the Governors attended this session.
21st October	**Council of Governors Agenda Setting Meeting**	Several Governors attended to discuss items for the next Council of Governors' meeting.
2nd November	**Informal meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive**	This was a private session for the Chairman and Chief Executive to apprise the Governors on the state of the Trust and for Governors to raise anything they wanted to.
3rd – 5th November	**NHS Providers: Governor Focus Sessions x 3**	Danny Sparkes, Shirley Holmes and Helen attended one each of these sessions organised by NHS Providers.
9th November	**Business Planning Session**	Governors attended a brief update on the Trust's business planning focus for the next few months.
11th November	**Governor Catch-up**	This was an opportunity for Governors to meet and talk about anything they wished pertaining to the Trust.
12th November	**Governor/Non-Executive Director meeting (part 1)**	Governors heard from Jane Dale, Keith Malcouronne and Meyrick Vevers, non-executive directors, on Quality of Care, maternity non-executive director work, Audit and Risk, Freedom to Speak up Guardian,

		Modern Healthcare and Charitable Funds. Governors also met the two new non-executive directors: Dami Adedayo and Arun Thiyagarajan.
16th November	**Patient Experience Group**	Group members listened to a presentation on Digital by Chris Ketley, Non-Executive Director, and Laura Ellis-Philip, Director of Digital. They were also taken through the quality report by the Chief Nurse.
19th November	**Governor/Non-Executive Director meeting (part 2)**	Governors heard from Chris Ketley, Marcine Waterman and Neil Hayward, non-executive directors on Digital and Patient Experience; People and the Healing Arts; and Strategic Change.
23rd November	**Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	Committee members attended to consider non-executive directors' appraisals.
26th November	**Trust Board**	A few of the Governors attended the open Trust Board meeting.
30th November	**Well North Session**	This was a session for governors undertaken by Lord Andrew Mawson, Tom Smerdon, Director of Strategy and Sustainability and Neil Hayward, Non-Executive Director.
1st December	**NHS Providers: Governwell Core Skills Course**	Tracey Bradshaw and Michael Smith attended this course held by NHS Providers provides a comprehensive overview of the structure of the NHS; the statutory role and responsibilities of governors; an overview of NHS finance; the importance of quality in healthcare and key skills to hold the board to account effectively.
Various	**1:1s with Chairman**	All Governors had the opportunity to meet with the Chairman and almost all were able to meet him.