Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
7th September 2022

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
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Decision:	For Noting

Governor Activities

Since the last meeting update of Governors' activities at the Council of Governors on 8th June 2022, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide-ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

13th June and 18 August	**Healing Arts Steering Group**	Shirley Holmes and Andy Brown attended as members of the Group.
15th June	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Members of the committee considered candidates for the non-executive director vacancy.
22nd June	**Quality Assurance Group**	Several Governors attended to listen to progress on the Quality Account priorities.
30th June	**Staff Governor meeting**	Staff Governors met with the Director of Workforce Transformation to share feedback from staff and were updated on initiatives.
5th, 6th & 7th July	**NHS Providers Governor Focus Conference**	Hina Malik, Edwin Addis, Shirley Holmes and Frances Ansell attended these sessions set up by NHS Providers.
11th July and 5th September	**Healing Arts Working Group**	Shirley Holmes and Andy Brown attended as members of the Group.
12th July	**Council of Governors agenda setting meeting**	Governors attended to discuss items for the next Council of Governors' meeting.
25th July	**PLACE Assessment course**	Shirley Holmes and Derek Barnes attended.
27th July	**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.
27th July	**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.
27th July	**Non-Executive Director Open Evening**	Shirley Holmes, Michael Smith and Chris Howorth attended to meet potential non-executive director applicants.
28th July	**Trust Board**	Shirley Holmes, Lilly Evans, Andy Brown, Aidan Parsons, Sue Bell, Frances Ansell and Tracey Bradshaw attended Trust Board to witness the Non-Executive Directors in action.

1st August	**Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	Shirley Holmes, Melaine Coward and Lilly Evans met with Meyrick Vevers, Senior Independent Director, to discuss the Chairman's appraisal.
10th August	**Non-Executive Director Shortlisting**	Members of the Nominations and Appointments Committee attended to short-list Non-Executive Director applicants.
22nd August	**Membership and Community Engagement Group**	Amongst the usual items of business, the Director of Strategy and Sustainability attended to present on the work he and colleagues are undertaking with the Bourne Education Trust.
23rd August	**The Great ASPH Tidy Up**	Derek Barnes, Frances Ansell, Andy Brown Shirley Holmes and Miranda Alcock joined the initiative to tidy up the hospital sites.
31st August	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Members of the committee considered the short-listed candidates to agree the preferred candidate for ratification at the Council of Governors meeting in September.
Various	**Board Walkabouts**	So far Hina Malik and Frances Ansell have taken part in these walkabouts accompanying an Executive and Non-Executive Director. Several more Governors are due to take part in the coming weeks.