Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS			
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Title of paper	Governor Activities		
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Committee(s) where paper has been discussed previously and outcome of discussion:			
Strategic Objective(s)			

Quality of Care		**People**		**Modern Healthcare**		**Digital**		**Collaborate**	

Executive Summary	
This paper provides a short summary of the activities of the Governors since the last Council of Governors meeting.	
Recommendation	For: Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information ☒
Key issues: State impact/implications and mitigation	
Quality, safety & patient impact	
Employee	
Other stakeholder(s)	
Equality, diversity & inclusion	
Finance	
Legal	
Risk(s) Identified (include link to Corporate Risk Register / Strategic (Board Assurance Framework) Risks:	

Governor Activities

Since the last meeting update of Governors' activities at the Council of Governors on 13th March 2025, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide-ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

26 March	**Finance and Performance Committee**	Toc Husain and Kate Colban observed this meeting.
26 March	**Chief Financial Officer Stakeholder Panels**	Gavin Wood and Andy Brown took part.
27 March	**Quality of Care Committee**	Miranda Alcock and Denis Wright observed this meeting.
27 March	**People Committee**	Chad Lake and Trevor Sherwood observed this meeting.
27 March	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Committee members met to discuss the Acting Chair appointment.
31 March & 26 June	**Schwartz Round**	Andy Brown attended the first session and took part in the one on 26 June. Schwartz Rounds are a structured forum for staff from all backgrounds, roles, and bands to come together and talk about the emotional and social challenges of working in healthcare.
31 March	**Complex Discharge Working Group**	Alex Palombi and Shirley Holmes attended this meeting.
2 April	**Joint Group Model Team Talk**	A few of the Governors attended this along with staff members.
8 April, 13 May & 13 June	**Patient Panel**	Andy Brown attended this meeting.
10 April	**Trust Board**	Shirley Holmes, Toc Husain, Heather Hall and Chad Lake attended the open session.
16 April	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the usual items of business Group members went on a tour of Pharmacy and Outpatients.
17 April	**Staff Governor meeting**	Staff Governors met with the Chief People Officer to share feedback from staff and were updated on initiatives.
21 April & 11 June	**Healing Arts Steering Committee**	Shirley Holmes and Andy Brown attended the meeting on 21 April and Andy attended 11 June.

30 April	**Primary Care Education**	Ellen Nicholson and Shirley Holmes attended the Governor segment at this.
30 April	**Joint Group Model Members' Event**	Several Governors attended this event for members of the Trust.
8 May	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Committee members met to discuss a six month extension to Chris Kane's tenure. A further detailed discussion took place on the Board composition.
12 May & 9 June	**Learning from Patient Experience Group meeting**	Andy Brown represented the Governors at this meeting.
19 May	**Charitable Funds Committee**	Michael Smith and Andy Brown represented the Governors at this meeting.
21 May	**Finance and Performance Committee**	Anthony Tweh and Mark Williams observed this meeting.
22 May	**Quality of Care Committee**	Heather Hall observed this meeting.
22 May	**People Committee**	Tracey Bradshaw and Denis Wright observed this meeting.
27 May	**Council of Governors agenda setting meeting**	Governors met to discuss the forward plan and any additional agenda items they would like included at the next Council of Governors meeting.
2 June	**Group Director for Transformation and Digital Stakeholder Panel**	Andy Brown participated in this.
3 June	**Ashford and St Peter's Volunteer Celebration tea**	Andy Brown as Staff Governor for the volunteers attended this celebration intended to thank the Trust's volunteers.
5 June	**NHS Providers: Governor Focus Conference**	Alex Palombi, Chad Lake, Michael Smith, Karen Howkins and Trevor Sherwood attended.
9 June	**MyCare Patient Portal**	Andy Brown represented the Governors at this meeting.
10 June	**Runnymede and Spelthorne Volunteers Awards 2025**	Andy Brown attended these awards held at the Royal Holloway, University of London. Ashford and St Peter's Volunteers received a special recognition award.

12 June	**Trust Board**	Alex Palombi and Heather Hall observed this meeting.
16 June	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Committee members met to discuss extensions to John Machin's Acting Chair position as well as his Non-Executive Director position.
16 June	**Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	Committee members met to discuss the Acting Chair's appraisal.
19 June	**Staff Governor meeting**	Staff Governors met with the Chief People Officer to share feedback from staff and were updated on initiatives.
25 June	**Extraordinary Council of Governors**	This was an extra Council of Governors meeting to discuss the recommendation made by the Nominations and Appointments Committee to approve the Acting Chair's appraisal.
2 July	**ASPH Quality Improvement Day**	Andy Brown, Shirley Holmes and Denis Wright attended the morning session of this annual event.