Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals
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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS			
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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 2nd July 2025, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide-ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

16 July	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the usual items of business Group members heard from the newly appointed Patient Safety Partners on the work they were undertaking at the Trust.
19 July	**Community Day**	St Peter's opened its doors to over 1,000 local residents and health and care partners to its fourth Community Day. Governors Alex Palombi, Chad Lake, Denis Wright, Sue Bell and Shirley Holmes assisted the Membership and Engagement Manager to recruit 25 new members on the day.
23 July	**Finance and Performance Committee**	Denis Wright and Chad Lake observed this meeting.
24 July	**Quality of Care Committee**	Shirley Holmes and Gavin Wood observed this meeting.
24 July	**People Committee**	Kate Colban and Ellen Nicholson observed this meeting.
29 July	**Group Council of Governors to Council of Governors (ASPH & RSCH)**	Fourteen Governors from Ashford and St Peter's travelled to the Royal Surrey and met with the Governors there as well as attend a seminar covering Group Governance, the wider NHS context and Group Strategy.
30 July	**Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	Committee members met to discuss and approve the non-executive director appraisals.
31 July	**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.
4 August	**Learning from Patient Experience**	Andy Brown attended this meeting.
11 August	**Informal Governors meeting**	Governors met informally to share, amongst other items, what they had learned at recent committee meetings.

12 August	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Committee members met to discuss the candidate brief and process for future recruitment of non-executive directors.
12 August & 8 September	**MyCare Patient Portal Programme Board**	Andy Brown attended this meeting.
14 August	**Trust Board**	Gavin Wood attended this meeting.
18 August	**Charitable Funds Committee**	Michael Smith and Andy Brown represented the Governors at this meeting.
18 August	**Green Plan Group**	Andy Brown attended this meeting.
26 August	**Group Chair Nominations Working Group**	Members of the Nominations and Appointments + Remuneration and Appraisal committees were invited to discuss and the Group Chair appointment process.
3 September	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the usual items of business Group members heard from Cherry Jordan, Patient Flow and Discharge Lead, on the discharge process.
4 September	**Staff Governor meeting**	Staff Governors met with the Chief People Officer to share feedback from staff and were updated on initiatives.
Various	**Patient Transport**	Andy Brown attended monthly meetings to discuss improvement work.