Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

17th June 2015

TITLE	**Governor Activities**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This paper provides a short summary of the activities of the Governors since the last meeting.
The Council is asked to:	Note the summary
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Governor Activities

Since the last meeting update of Governors' activities at the Council of Governors on 9th March 2015, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

9th March	**Council of Governors**	Amongst the regular items of business, the Council followed up on or were provided updates on the National Staff Survey Results and Cultural Programme, Complaints, Improving Outpatient Services, Catering Provision at Ashford Hospital and the Quality Report Engagement Schedule.
18th March	**Staff Governor Meeting**	This was an opportunity for staff governors to raise any concerns with the Director of Workforce Transformation.
2nd April	**Members' Meeting on Cancer Services**	Several Governors attended this event with almost 80 members in attendance.
13th April	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the regular items of business the Group followed up on or provided updates on Cancer Services, Way Finding Maps and a demonstration of Patient Safety pages on the Intranet.
16th April	**Staff Awards Ceremony**	Several Governors attended this ceremony celebrating staff achievements over the year. Staff had been nominated by patients and colleagues for their outstanding service.
21st April	**Membership and Community Engagement Group**	Amongst the regular items of business the Group followed up on or provided updates on the Annual Members' Meeting, ideas on future membership events and the membership strategy.
22nd April	**Staff Governor Meeting**	This was an opportunity for staff governors to raise any concerns with the Director of Workforce Transformation.
22nd April	**Council of Governors Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	The Committee met to discuss Non Executive Director remuneration and appraisal.
24th April	**Merger Stakeholder Panel**	Discussion around the Phase 2 submission to the Competition and Markets Authority, forthcoming Governor elections and engagement plans took place.

27th and 29th April	**PLACE Assessments**	Danny Sparkes, Godfrey Freemantle and Judith Moore took part in these assessments.
29th April	**Quality Accounts Workshop**	Four Governors (all members of the Patient Experience Group) attended. Discussion with senior managers responsible for the various elements of quality took place and Governors were able to make contributions to the discussion and were pleased to note a number of improvements.
29th April	**Informal Meeting with the Chairman and CEO**	This was a 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.
5th May	**Council Agenda Setting Meeting**	This was a private session for Governors to discuss what they wanted addressed and/or wanted an update on via the Council of Governors.
7th May	**Pride in Nursing Day**	This was an opportunity for nursing staff to come together and exchange good news and provide information on recent developments in their areas.
12th May	**Constitution Group**	Discussion around elections, composition of the Council and potentially extending the number of terms a Governor can serve on the Council took place.
13th May	**Schwartz Round Session**	Danny Sparkes attended this session which she found very informative.
20th May	**Nominations and Appointments Committee**	Re-appointment of Philip Beesley as Non Executive Director.
26th May	**Seminar: Transformation Agenda in NW Surrey with CoG**	Discussions took place on the exploring other strategic options.
1st June	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the regular items of business the Group followed up on or provided updates on Dementia and tour of Pathology
2nd June	**Volunteers' Afternoon Tea**	Richard Docketty attended this afternoon event in celebration of their commitment to the Trust.
3rd June	**Staff Governor Meeting**	This was an opportunity for staff governors to raise any concerns with the Director of Workforce Transformation.

9th June	**Membership and Community Engagement Group**	Amongst the regular items of business the Group followed up on or provided updates on the Annual Members' Meeting, Members' Events and discussion around the summer edition of Members' Matters.
9th June	**CoG/NED meeting**	Discussion around the state of the hospital, the potential merger with the Royal Surrey and other strategic options took place.