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

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

8th September 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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Decision:	For Noting

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Governor Activities

Since the last meeting update of Governors' activities at the Council of Governors on 17th June 2015, the Governors have been involved in a number of wide ranging activities across the Trust. These have included:

17th June	**Council of Governors**	Amongst the regular items of business the Council followed up on or provided updates on the Constitution, Finance, Complaints, A&E, Outpatient Services and Parking.
18th June	**Charitable Funds Committee**	Keith Bradley and Richard Docketty attended and took part in discussions.
22nd June	**Merger Stakeholder Panel**	Brian Catt attended this session which provided an update on the CMA submission, CMA engagement, public engagement plans, Governor elections and next steps were discussed.
30th June	**St Peter's Day Service**	Keith Bradley attended this annual Service in which the Revd Judith Allford, Head of Pastoral Care, linked aspects of the life of St Peter with the caring nature of the hospital.
6th July	**Car Parking Steering Group**	Godfrey Freemantle and Richard Docketty attended where updates were provided and issues and communications were discussed.
7th July	**Seminar: Transformation Agenda in NW Surrey with CoG Part 2**	Several Governors attended and took part in further discussion and were provided updates on exploring other strategic options.
7th July	**Governor Agenda Setting Meeting**	This was a private session which several Governors attended to discuss what they wanted to be addressed and/or wanted an update on via the Council of Governors.
8th July	**Unveiling our 'Patients as People' art exhibition**	Keith Bradley and Richard Docketty attended to see the new art exhibition located on hospital street.
10th July & 12 August	**Dementia Steering Group**	Margaret Lenton attended where updates on progress were provided.
15th July	**Staff Governor Meeting**	This was an opportunity for staff governors to raise any concerns with the Director of Workforce Transformation.

15th July	**Presentation Accounts/Annual Report to Council of Governors**	The Board presented the 2014/15 Annual Accounts and Report to the Governors.
16th July	**Presentation to Spelthorne Borough Council**	Brian Catt attended this meeting where the Chairman and Chief Executive presented to Spelthorne Borough Council and two Governors were in attendance.
21st July	**Council of Governors' Remuneration and Appraisal Committee**	Appraisals for non-executive directors were endorsed and comments/feedback on the appraisal process was provided to improve the effectiveness of the process.
21st July	**Annual Members' Meeting**	Over 100 members attended the Annual Members' Meeting including 14 Governors. The highlight of the presentations was on the Orthopaedic Supported Discharge scheme at the Trust. There were several stands, including one allowing members to taste hospital food.
27th July	**Volunteers' Summer Party**	Richard Docketty attended this party which was held to recognise the contribution volunteers make to the Trust and thank them for their ongoing commitment.
28th July	**Members' Event: Cardiovascular Services**	Nearly 100 members, along with several Governors, attended this popular event with presentations from Cardiovascular Surgeons, an anaesthetist, a radiologist and a cardiologist. There was a notable increase presence from staff members.
29th July	**Governor Session: Improving Outpatient Services**	Several Governors attended this two-way discussion on what actions had been included in the overall Outpatient plan and how these actions were being completed. Governors had the opportunity to raise their concerns and check on progress.
29th July	**Informal meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive**	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.
30th July	**Council of Governors' Nomination and Appointments Committee**	Reappointments for the Chairman and Terry Price (non-executive director) were considered. The skill matrix for the non-executive directors was reviewed.
10th August	**Patient Experience Group**	Amongst the regular items of business the Group, consisting of ten Governors, followed up

		on or provided updates on were complaints which highlighted issues relating to communication and a visit took place on Ash and Oak wards.
1st September	**Members' Event: Dementia Services**	Nearly 100 members, staff and several Governors attended this members' event on Dementia. Presentations were undertaken by David Sills, Dementia and Admiral Nurse Lead, Layla Hibbs and Diana Sheridan, Dementia Occupational Therapists.