

Senior Governor Report Council of Governors Meeting – 23rd January 2017

I'm pleased to return following recent personal matters and have represented the Council of Governors at two recent Board Meetings.

There are a number of recent updates that will be primarily be covered within the Chief Executive report, however, I would like to raise some issues as a result of recent Council committee meetings Chaired by Governors Jane Wilkinson and Ian Boycott-Samuels.

Membership & Communications Committee

As I was unable to attend the last Council meeting I have been made aware that Jane Wilkinson raised the issue about the Trust membership diminishing and could draw attention from the regulator. As a consequence all Governors were requested to try and recruit 10 new members each and also complete a form recommending a school/6th form college that can be approached for Governors to attend and promote the role of a governor/membership.

The last Membership & Communications meeting on 5th January was not well attended and was to have discuss these two matters in more detail. It was reported that the number of new Trust members recruited was disappointing as only 3 Governors had returned forms as follows:

- One Governor recruited two new members
- Another, eight new members
- A third, thirty eight new members

No forms to encourage interaction with local schools were returned. The Trust target is to retain 5,500 public members and we have now dipped below 5,000, with a downward trend over a period of time.

It is important that we recruit new members and we all have a collective responsibility. I have a suggestion which I will return to later in this report.

Patient Experience Committee

Ian Boycott-Samuels highlighted a couple of actions raised at the Council meeting in October:

- it would be helpful if they received follow up information about complaints that they discuss in their meeting.
- Invite guest speakers to attend meetings covering a variety of topics.

Charity Appeal

Governors will be aware that the Charity has a target to raise money to contribute to Transforming Cancer Care project. I'm sure Governors have previously supported the Charity in a number of ways and would like to encourage the Council to make a special effort in the future. Previously I have taken part in the sponsored walk held each summer on the Crosby Promenade and Beach. When the date becomes known for this year I would like to invite Governors to join me so we can walk as a group to support the Charity. It's good exercise, often on a sunny day and a pleasant walk of 5 or 8km, depending how you feel.

This would give us an opportunity to support the Charity and perhaps we could link it to Jane's concern re the membership. There are usually several hundred people who do the sponsored walk. Perhaps everyone who registers could automatically be enrolled as members? Or new members could be recruited on the day when they collect their T shirts etc? What do you think?

I continue to meet with Wendy Williams about once a month. These meetings are always useful and give me information and enable me to represent any issues I may have on behalf of Governors. If Council members have any thoughts or issues they wish to raise, my new e-mail address is valiantpv@gmail.com