

**Senior Governor Report
Council of Governors, 29th January 2018**

1. Changes to the Board of Directors

I would like to welcome Phil Edgington to his new role as Chair of the Trust. I'm sure we all wish him great success in this role. He has a wealth of experience that is useful to us and we look forward to hearing his wise council.

Helen Porter, Director of Nursing & Quality will be retiring from the Trust in February. She has been an outstanding member of the Board and is longest serving Board member with over 17 years, her contribution will be greatly missed. Helen has always been welcoming and supportive to Council members and the breadth of her knowledge has provided the Council very useful information, often explaining some very complex NHS matters into a format for a lay person. Thank you on behalf of the Council for your great contribution. The recruitment process for Helen's successor concluded in November '17 and Sheila Lloyd will join the Trust on 1st April 2018. Interim arrangements are in place to cover the period from Helen finishing and Sheila starting.

Sheena Khanduri the new Medical Director joined the Trust on 1st December 2017. Sheena joins us after 10 years working as a Consultant Clinical Oncologist in Shropshire where she was also Head of Cancer Services. Originally from Birmingham, Sheena studied medicine at Cambridge University and completed her Specialist Registrar training in Yorkshire.

2. Events / discussion sessions

Throughout the year Andrea Leather will inform the Council of a variety of meetings that are of interest to Governors, see below:

North West Governors Forum

We recently notified Governors that the next North West Governor meeting will be hosted by Bolton NHS Foundation Trust. The proposed date is **Wednesday 14th February 2018** – as yet there is no firm agenda, the outline plan is:

- Include an element of induction/refresher
- Lots of time for discussion and group work

In the first instance we will be allocated up to 4 places so if you would be interested in attending can you please let Andrea Leather or Margaret Moore know a.s.a.p. andrea.leather@nhs.net or Margaret.moore12@nhs.net.

It's important we have representation as it's obviously a training opportunity, but also gives us a flavour of how things are moving in other Trusts. We need to understand our neighbours in other Trusts as there are changes on the way and they can affect us.

Clatterbridge Pharmacy Ltd – Business Development Workshop

Clatterbridge Pharmacy Ltd (a Trust subsidiary company) held a business development workshop on **Tuesday 16th January 2018**, to inform the next stage of its business planning cycle. Thanks to Jane Wilkinson for attending the event on behalf of the Council. Jane will provide an overview at the Council meeting and a copy of the briefing note is attached, appendix 1.

Board of Directors meetings

I would like to remind Council members that they are encouraged to observe Board meetings; it's an excellent way to understand what is happening within the hospital. I attend as many as I can to represent the Council of Governors and I would like to thank those Governors who have made themselves available when I can't attend.

3. Non Executive Directors (NEDs) Appraisals

During March/April the process for NED appraisals will be enacted and completed. During that period you will be asked for feedback. Our new Chair may also have ideas about how Governors can fulfill this role and how we collectively get to know the work of NEDs.

4. Development of the Trust Strategy

The Council/Board Strategy day which took place at the end of October '17 was the first step on the journey to the Trust developing its ten year Strategy. The next steps and contribution on behalf of the Governors will be discussed at the Governor Strategy Committee which is due to take place on 22nd January 2018, a verbal update will be provided at the Council meeting.

5. Governor Elections

At the Council of Governors meeting in October '17 the Council approved a further election process to address the gaps in some of the constituencies. This process is now underway and Andrea will provide an update at the Council meeting, the outcome of the process will be reported at a future meeting.

Stephen Sanderson CBE
Senior Governor