

TRUST BOARD IN PUBLIC		Date: 25th August 2016	
		Agenda Item: 4.4	
REPORT TITLE:		Update from the Shadow Council of Governors	
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REPORT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY: (name of sub-committee/group & date)		Shadow Council of Governors Meeting 19.8.16	
Action Required:			
Approval ()	Discussion ()	Assurance (√)	
Purpose of Report:			
To provide an update to the Board on the work of the Shadow Council of Governors.			
Summary of key issues			
<p>The fourth Shadow Council of Governors took place on 12th July 2016. The meeting was quorate and well attended by both elected, nominated governors and Executive and Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>Key area of Focus for this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust Update from the Chief Executive • Presentation on the development of the East Surrey & Sussex Sustainability and Transformation Plan • Update from the Governors • Update from Membership Development Sub-Group • Report from the Finance and Workforce Committee <p>The Shadow Council noted the resignation of the nominated governor from East Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group due to current work pressures.</p>			
Recommendation:			
The Board is asked to note the report.			
Relationship to Trust Strategic Objectives & Assurance Framework:			
SO5: Well led - Become an employer of choice and deliver financial and clinical sustainability around a patient focused clinical model.			
Corporate Impact Assessment:			
Legal and regulatory impact	A Council of Governors is a statutory requirement for an NHS Foundation Trust and forms part of the governance structure		
Financial impact	N/A		
Patient Experience/Engagement	A significant and important part of the role of the Council of Governors		

Risk & Performance Management	Relevant aspects included in the report
NHS Constitution/Equality & Diversity/Communication	Important to the role and function of the Council of Governors
Attachment: N/A	

TRUST BOARD REPORT – 25th August 2016 UPDATE FROM THE SHADOW COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

1. Introduction

The Shadow Council of Governors (SCoG) held its fourth meeting on 12th July 2016. The meeting was well attended by elected, staff and nominated Governors.

1.2 Main Agenda Items

The following items were discussed:

Trust Update: The Chief Executive gave an overview on developments within the Trust including current performance and quality in relation to the NHS constitutional standards, increased levels of activity, bed occupancy levels and challenges ahead particular in terms of winter. An overview was given on financial performance and the financial plan for 2016/17. Questions from the governors included the impact of the junior doctor's industrial action, Trusts financial savings targets and the current position in relation to the Trusts Foundation Trust application and progress with nursing recruitment.

The Shadow Council commended the Trust on the recent achievement of the National Patient Safety Board Leadership Award and also pleased to note that governors could nominate staff for the Annual SaSH Awards. Following discussion on EU staff all governors expressed their support for overseas and EU clinical staff within the Trust and asked that their support should be included in the next CEO weekly message.

Development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP): The Chief Executive gave an overview of the requirement within the Five Year Forward View to develop STPs and current progress with the East Surrey and Sussex STP; including the main priorities, place based models of care and the emerging themes. The Shadow Council asked a number of questions and indicated the need to be kept up to date with current and future developments.

Feedback from individual governors: Governors fed back on current involvement opportunities in a range of areas including, Organ Transplant and End of Life Committees. One governor thanked the Trust for proactive communication to governors regarding the recent incident relating to the ambulances which caught fire and asked that governors continue to be kept informed by the Trust.

Feedback from the Membership Development Sub-Group: The governor chair of the membership development sub-group fed back on the recent meeting. There were mixed views on the low response to the recent communication from governors to FT members however the majority felt that this should be seen as positive particularly as there was no negative feedback. Preparation would continue around membership recruitment so that when the Trust had confirmation from NHS Improvement plans would be ready to be rolled-out.

Work of the Finance and Workforce Committee (FWC): The Non-Executive Chair of the FWC provided an update on the role of the FWC within the Trust. An overview of the key themes from the year was shared and the Shadow Council showed particular interest in gaining better understand of productivity and benchmarking.

Governor Resignation: The Shadow Council noted the recent resignation of Dr Anthony Clarke from the role of nominated governor from East Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group (ESCCG) due to pressure of work. The Council noted thanks for his contribution

thus far and wished him well. In due course the Trust would be in contact with ESCCG to request a new nomination.

An update on the work and activities of the Shadow Council of Governors will continue to be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the report from the Shadow Council of Governors.

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