



GOVERNORS' FORUM
DRAFT NOTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 4 August 2020 at 3:00 pm

Present:	Sally Craig (SC) Convenor	Martin Hodgson (MH)	Joe Saverimoutou (JS)
	Mick Ashman (MA)	Joyce Justice (JJ)	Harold Sharpe (HS)
	Steve Barks (SB)	Ian Merriman (IM)	Karen Smith (KS)
	George Chia (GC)	Brendan Molloy (BM)	Chris Sterry (CS)
	Michelle Cook (MC)	Lewis Noble (LN)	Fiona Tatton(FT)
	Amanda Forrest (AF)	Kath Parker (KP)	Sue Taylor (ST)
	David Foster (DF)	Cressida Ridge (CR)	
Apologies:	Angela Foulkes	Steve Jones	Pete Tanker
	Tim Furness	Irene Mabbott	
In Attendance:	Tony Pedder (TP) item 1	Sandi Carman (SCa)	Jane Pellegrina (JP)
	Ros Roughton (RR) tem 1		

1 Welcome and Apologies

Sally Craig (SC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.

2 Discussion with Tony Pedder and Ros Roughton (NED)

RR described her background in public service for over 30 years, as a civil servant in the Treasury and at the Department of Health, as a director at The Christy Hospital in Manchester and from February 2019 at the Department of Health and Social Care as Director of Adult Social Care. She explained that she was currently taking a career break from that role to care for her frail, elderly parents.

Asked about her priorities at STH she said that among other things she would like to see STH as a dementia friendly Trust and to increase, and be recognised for, its research activities.

A detailed and informative discussion followed.

TP said that the Trust had now received the *Phase three letter* setting out the third phase of the NHS's response to COVID-19, the Trust was required to respond setting out plans to restart services at pace.

TP also reported that the Trust was putting plans in place to allow visiting again but under strict rules. He also said that, where it was safe to do so, staff who had been shielding were returning to work.

SC thanked the Mr Pedder and Ms Roughton for an interesting discussion and they left the meeting.

3 Single Agenda Forum Meetings – Membership and CoG NRC ToR

SCa thanked governors who had now provided their availability for these two meetings, the

best date for the session on Membership was confirmed as 16 September and for discussion of the CoG NRC Terms of Reference the date agreed was 5 October. **SCa** said that planning had started and she would be contacting governors for their views on next steps and in particular in terms of facilitation for the sessions.

4. Notes of the Forum Meeting held on 19 June 2020 and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising no covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

The Notes were **AGREED**.

5. Council of Governors' meetings

5.1 Review of unadopted Minutes of Extraordinary CoG held on 30 June 2020

There were no comments from governors on the unadopted Minutes.

5.2 Review of draft Agenda for CoG meeting on 29 September 2020

The draft Agenda was reviewed and governors did not suggest any additional items for inclusion.

6. Update from CoG Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)

MH reported on the outcome of the Chair's annual appraisal and thanked those governors who had contributed to the process. He said that the overall outcome had been an excellent result with no score below 3, giving an overall approval rating of 85-96% overall.

MH then reported on activity in relation to the Chair succession process since the last Forum meeting. The NRC had met on 23 July with representatives of Odgers Berndtson. The candidate brief and advertisement had been approved for onward circulation to the Council of Governors for comment. The NRC would receive weekly updates from Odgers Berndtson. It had been agreed that interviews would be held on either 29 October or 12 November and there was a preference to hold face-to-face interviews but it was noted that this would require careful planning and a risk assessment would need to be undertaken nearer to the proposed interview date. There would be an opportunity for the wider governing body to participate in a stakeholder event with candidates.

MH then reported on regular NRC business, he said that at a meeting on 1 July Mr Pedder had reported on the annual appraisal of the Non-Executive Directors the details of which were shared verbally in the meeting with CoG members. Mr Pedder had welcomed the input of governors to the process and thanked the NRC for the valuable and frank discussion. The NRC had agreed with the outcomes of the appraisals.

7 Elections to Council of Governors

JP reported that the elections were underway. The statement of candidates would be verified on 25 August and voting would commence on 14 September.

8 2020 Annual Members' Meeting

The date was re-confirmed as 21 September and it was noted that the event would be held virtually, possibly via Microsoft Teams Live. Members had received notification of this in the most recent edition of the GoodHealth magazine and they had been invited to register their interest in taking part. Governors were encouraged to share any thoughts on possible topics for a presentation to the AMM.

8 Any Other Business

There was no further business to discuss

9 Date of Next Meeting

19 November 2020