



**GOVERNORS' FORUM**  
**NOTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON**  
**Friday 19 June 2020 at 2:00 pm**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Sally Craig (SC) Convenor</b>	Amanda Forrest (AF)	Brendan Molloy (BM)
	Mick Ashman (MA)	Tim Furness (TF)	Lewis Noble (LN)
	Steve Barks (SB)	Martin Hodgson (MH)	Kath Parker (KP)
	Barbara Bell (BB)	Steve Jones (SJ)	Joe Saverimoutou
	Wendy Bradley (WB)	Joyce Justice (JJ)	Karen Smith (KS)
	George Chia (GC)	Irene Mabbott (IMa)	Chris Sterry (CS)
	Michelle Cook (MC)	Ian Merriman (IM)	Sue Taylor (ST)
<b>Apologies:</b>	David Foster	Harold Sharpe	Fiona Tatton
	Cressida Ridge	Pete Tanker	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Tony Pedder (TP) item 1	Sandi Carman (SCa)	Jane Pellegrina (JP) Notes

**1 Welcome and Apologies**

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

**2 Discussion with Tony Pedder and Sandi Carman**

**SC** welcomed Tony Pedder and Sandi Carman.

The following points were highlighted from the discussion:

**LN** commented on a recent outpatient appointment, with good care from staff but with the new working arrangements due to social distancing everything took a lot longer. **TP** said that in re-starting services there were a range of practical issues to consider.

**SB** asked whether visiting restrictions were likely to be relaxed; commenting that the situation was difficult especially for patients with dementia and/or those whose mental health was affected. **TP** said with evidence that healthcare settings can be a source of cross infection there is a reluctance to modify the restrictions but the situation was being evaluated.

**WB** asked whether the Trust was preparing for a second wave. **TP** said that learning was being captured and would influence any future response.

**GC** asked whether some staff might be feeling disillusioned due to not being part of the front line response. **TP** said that the Trust was conscious that not all staff had been working at the bedside and it was clear that colleagues will have had differing experiences of the pandemic. As well as encouraging staff to take annual leave boosting morale and self-esteem would be important.

**SC** thanked the Mr Pedder for an interesting discussion and Mr Pedder then left the meeting.

### 3 Notes of the Forum Meeting held on 21 May 2020 and Matters Arising

**WB** requested an amendment on page 3 - “WB said...replace “she had requested” with “had been agreed at the previous forum” and replace “probe Odgers on their track record concerning diversity of candidates” with “press Odgers to foreground diversity throughout the process”

The Notes were **AGREED**.

### 4. Council of Governors’ meetings

#### 4.1 Review of unadopted Minutes of Extraordinary CoG held on 28 May 2020

Michelle Cook to be included on the attendance list.

There were no other comments from governors on the unadopted Minutes.

#### 4.2 Review of draft Agenda for CoG meeting on 30 June 2020

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

#### 4.3 Membership of CoG Nomination and Remuneration Committee

It was noted that this issue had been raised by **WB** at CoG on 28 May and Mr Pedder had requested that there should be consultation at Governors’ Forum on any proposals for change prior to discussion at the Council of Governors. Following discussion **WB** was asked to submit her proposals in a paper for the CoG meeting on 30 June. It was noted that papers for that meeting should be presented no later than 24 June 2020.

Sandi Carman reaffirmed the importance of adherence to the Trust’s PROUD values in all interactions with colleagues.

### 5. Update from CoG Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)

**MH** said that there was nothing to report as the Nomination and Remuneration Committee had not met since the last Governors’ Forum meeting.

**SCa** reported that Odgers Berndtson had been invited to a Trust Executive Group meeting in July.

### 6. Membership Engagement Strategy

**SCa** talked to her slides on a Membership Engagement Strategy :





During discussion the following points were highlighted:

**SB** considered that governors would need training to do this well.

**SC** said that over the years that she had been involved governors had been offered a range of opportunities to meet and engage with members and with members of the public at community events, careers events, health talks for members etc but many governors chose not to participate. **KP** agreed.

**BM** said that the website needed to be improved and membership should be publicised for example on local radio, there should be a dialogue between governors and public.

**BB** said that the public should be able to make direct contact with governors.

**AF** said that all NHS organisations in Sheffield should collaborate on this, focussing on working together.

**TF** agreed with AF and commented that engagement should be with the wider NHS in Sheffield not just STH

**JS** said the issue needed more consideration that this short meeting could do justice to. **SB** agreed and said it should be discussed at a Forum meeting with this as a single issue on the Agenda.

**MH** thought that a plan was required rather than a strategy.

**WB** said that she would welcome governors sharing any ideas with her.

## 6 Elections to Council of Governors

**JP** said that a paper would be presented to CoG on arrangements for governor elections.

## 7 Updates from Staff Governors

**KS** said that she had enjoyed her first term of office and would be standing for re-election when elections could be held.

## 8 Any Other Business

There was no further business to discuss

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

4 August 2020