Council of Governors

Subject:	Lead Governor Report (incorporating Membership and Engagement)			Date: 8 th February 2022	
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Purpose					
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors from the Approval					
perspective of the Lead Governor Assurance				Assurance	X
Update					
	Consider				
Strategic Objectives					
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve		To achieve better value
X	X	X	X		x
Overall Level of Assurance					
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited		None
		X			
Risks/Issues					
Financial	N/A				
Patient Impact	N/A				
Staff Impact	N/A				
Services	N/A				
Reputational	N/A				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before					
N/A					

Executive Summary

Much time has been spent this quarter planning for the forthcoming elections. At the time of writing, podcasts are planned, press releases and messages to members. Colleges are also being asked to promote them. Hopefully we will reach a large number of people as there are now a large number of vacancies.

Two of our Governors have now reached their maximum terms of office, Roz Norman, Staff Governor, and Martin Stott, Public Governor for Newark and Sherwood. I am sure the Trust would like to extend thanks to them, as would I. A personal thank you for all of their interest and hard work, bearing in mind that at the beginning of their terms of office the Trust went into 'special measures' and as they are leaving it is now 'good' and King's Mill 'outstanding!!' It was quite a journey for governors!!!! I do not know who is intending to stand for re-election and so would like to thank all governors and wish those who want to carry on Good Luck!

I would like to welcome Linda Dales, Appointed Governor from Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Meet your Governor sessions within the hospitals have once again been postponed because of the omicron variant but hopefully they will be resumed in the near future.

I was invited to attend a vaccination and testing event on the Bellamy Road Estate, initially to see if it was feasible to join some of their events for MYG. There are around 1,000 houses on the estate, only 1 shop, no bus service and no GP surgery. Consequently, families from the estate tend to be high users of A&E. ("If I'm paying for a taxi I would rather go straight to A&E than try to be seen by a GP"). I was told of one young woman, newly diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, who attended A&E 24 times in a year with regard to her condition. Evidently diabetes is a huge problem with

local residents, but not Alzheimer's as life expectancy is not generally long enough for it to be a problem. I am invited to attend their regular coffee morning on Wednesdays, when I can, to talk to residents (MYG).

I also met Sandra Alvey who organises a large number of Food Clubs and she would welcome any governor who would like to join in, again with MYG in mind, and I have forwarded a list of places, times and days to all governors. So far Philip Marsh will be attending Oak Tree Lane and Nadia Whitworth has also expressed an interest. Linda is going to find out about the ones in Newark. I think this is a real opportunity to find out what some of our poorer communities feel about hospital services, particularly with 'Healthy Communities' in mind.

Nikki Slack, Appointed Governor from West Notts College, also joined us and made contact with some of the community leaders about bringing in students for various activities and instruction for residents in how to access 'online'. I look forward to reviewing these initial sessions at the next Membership meeting to see what our next steps will be.

Earlier this quarter I introduced Liz Barrett (now OBE) from Adult Education and Sutton Academy to Claire Ward with a view to finding out more about 'Discover Ashfield' which has a huge pot of money to use for the benefit of Ashfield residents. Perhaps Claire may have an update.