

Council of Governors - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Lead Governor Report	Date: 14 th November 2023
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Purpose		
To provide assurance to the Council of Governors from the perspective of the Lead Governor		Approval
		Assurance
		Update
		Consider
Strategic Objectives		
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Improve health and well-being within our communities	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be
To continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estate	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
Principal Risk		
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care	
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity	
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability	
PR4	Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy	
PR5	Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation	
PR6	Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits	
PR7	Major disruptive incident	
PR8	Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change	
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before		
N/A		
Acronyms		
CoG – Council of Governors CQC – Care Quality Commission NED – Non-Executive Director		
Executive Summary		
<p>From Sue Holmes</p> <p>The last 9 years have been a rollercoaster and I have unwittingly carried out every task on the lead governor spec. I have seen the worst and the best and I am pleased to say the best was recognised by the CQC. Throughout many Exec and NED changes, four chief executives and four chairs, there has been a constant – our staff who have been unfailingly kind and caring and the volunteers who provide a heart for our Trust in the public's eyes. Special recognition also to Sue Bradshaw who keeps all of the governors in line and is always willing to give her time to sort out IT, agendas, reports etc.</p> <p>I have worked with some excellent governors and I am very happy to hand the baton to Liz.</p> <p>Thank you all for your kind comments and good wishes.</p> <p><i>Sue</i></p>		

I want to take time to publically thank Sue Holmes for all that she has done and achieved in her time as Lead Governor for SFHT. Sue is well respected and admired by all and her care, commitment, time, energy and effort appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of working alongside her and benefiting from her input.

I look forward to working alongside our wonderful governing body to continue the outstanding governance that Sue has led and ensuring that we continue to serve SFHT our members and communities to the best of our ability.