

Public Board - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Standing Orders for the Board of Directors		Date:	3 rd April 2025	
Prepared By:	Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs				
Approved By:					
Presented By:	Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs				
Purpose					
On the recommendation of the Audit and Assurance Committee, to present an updated version of the Standing Orders for the Board of Directors to the Trust Board for approval.				Approval	X
				Assurance	
				Update	
				Consider	
Strategic Objectives					
Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time	Empower and support our people to be the best they can be	Improve health and wellbeing within our communities	Continuously learn and improve	Sustainable use of resources and estates	Work collaboratively with partners in the community
			X		
Principal Risk					
PR1	Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care				X
PR2	Demand that overwhelms capacity				
PR3	Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability				
PR4	Insufficient financial resources available to support the delivery of services				
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					
Audit and Assurance Committee – 20 th March 2025					
Acronyms					
SOs – Standing Orders					
Executive Summary					
<p>The Regulatory Framework and the Constitution require the Board of Directors to adopt standing orders for the regulation of its proceedings and business.</p> <p>The SOs have been the subject of a full review following which proposed updates were presented to the Audit and Assurance Committee at its meeting on 20th March 2025. These are shown in tracked changes on the version appended to this paper. In summary they comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated statutory references • Clarification that the duties of the Trust Secretary are carried out by the Director of Corporate Affairs • Reference to the Code of Governance for Provider Trusts • Removal of male only pronouns • Updated Committee names • Updated references to external documents 					

The Audit and Assurance Committee was content with the proposed updates to the Board Standing Orders and agreed to recommend them to the next public meeting of the Board of Directors with a recommendation for approval.

The Board is therefore asked to **APPROVE** the updated Board Standing Orders for implementation with immediate effect.