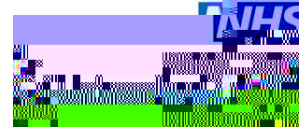


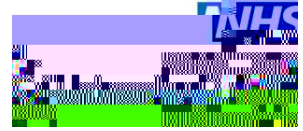
posts after the Annual Members Meeting, adding that for Mrs Penwarden this was subject to her re-election as a Governor. Mrs Holley gave her thanks to them both for stepping forward, and to Mrs Sweeney for her commitment to the Lead Governor role over the last 12 months.

Dates of forthcoming meetings:



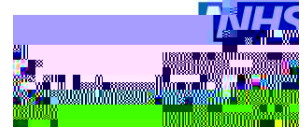
		<p>Mrs Foster said the Trust had a programme to promote Epic MY CHART to accelerate the number of users and said Governors could also help spread the word in their communities.</p> <p>Mrs Foster said she had no further news and she was happy to take any questions.</p> <p>Ms Morgan thanked the Trust for the letter she had written to him afterwards to emphasise the points the Trust had made, particularly in relation to the new hospital and its track record of delivery. As part of the visit, Lord Markham had visited the new Jubilee Ward at NDDH, which had been delivered on time and on budget.</p> <p>The Council of Governors noted the Chief Executive Report.</p>	
6.2	24.23	OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER	

Mrs McCormack-Hole said she was keen to understand more about robotic surgery and its benefits, as this could help Governors when talking to the public. She asked if it was possible for Governors to see the film that Mrs Foster had referred to. Mrs Foster said this was not possible as it belonged to the interview candidate, with Ms Morgan adding that an update on robotic surgery had been noted as an item of interest for Governors following the last Development Day



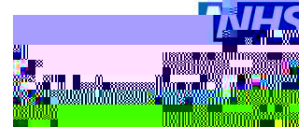
Moving on to people, Mrs Foster said the national Agenda for Change pay award had been paid to staff during the quarter. This accounted for nearly all [-Á@ÁV!~•qÁ [\ -!&Éa aÁ{ Á Doctors. In terms of recruitment and retention, Mrs Foster said this was improving; however, the Trust had started the financial year with more people on the payroll than planned. There were a number of Northern services medical workforce risks and the Trust was starting to see recruitment into some of the hard to recruit posts, which was positive.

Mrs Foster invited questions. Mrs Sweeney said that the Governors had discussed the questions in their pre-meeting, putting them together in themes. She thanked ste40 g0 G said the tere



clinician he had a good understanding of RCA, adding that what was most important was understanding when it was necessary. He said as NEDs, they sought assurance on this from the Executives. Mr Neal said he was the Chair of the Governance Committee, prior to Professor Matthews taking over, and so had a good understanding of the governance performance system and what happens when something important goes wrong. There were Serious Incident and Never Event reports, a key section of which was a RCA of what had taken place, leading to recommendations. Mr Neal said these were followed up through the Governance Committee, to ensure recommendations and learnings had been put in place and embedded into working practices. Mr Matthews said an important part of the learning was ensuring staff were provided with the information. He said he had joined a meeting with Mrs Mills and Professor Harris held to provide feedback to clinicians on the outcomes from Never Event investigations. He said the meeting provided him with assurance that the Trust was passing on what had been learnt and also receiving feedback from the clinicians. Ms Morgan said that the Governance Committee reported directly to the Board and there were periodic reports from Never Events and the learning that was taken. Mr Kempton commented that part of the issue for the CoG was that the performance report reported on progress and the CoG therefore had no knowledge on where issues arose and why and what action was being taken in order to be able to report the progress. He asked how the Governors could ask the NEDs to probe where the problem arose. Ms Morgan replied that the NEDs lead the challenge of the performance report at the Board meetings, following the drafting of the report by Executives who had identified the issues and trends. Mrs Foster gave the

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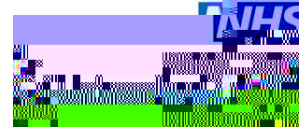


this was not always the case at other organisations. As the Auditors do their work at the end of process, they work under significant pressure in a tight timeframe. There was also the challenge of two ledgers which meant bringing together two sets of accounts and KPMG having to check this. Mr Matthews said that as Audit Committee Chair, he was happy that the Committee saw objective input from the auditors at meetings. He said they provided input on relatively complex accounting matters. From the report, Mr Matthews highlighted that a further training session for Governors on audit would be arranged for the forthcoming year.

Mr Matthews said that the Audit Committee recommended that the CoG agrees for KPMG to stay in place as auditor for final year of the contract and invited questions.

At some time. Mr Matthews said the last tender process was four years ago, which KPMG won, so they were in their second term. He said it was important for the auditor to understand the Trust whilst maintaining absolute objectivity and he had no reason to doubt that. Mr Matthews said the Trust also received assurance from a professional body on their performance, which provided assurance.

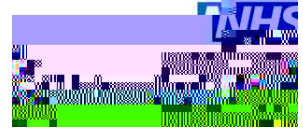
Mr Kempton said the Governors were pleased to note in the report the offer of a further audit training session.



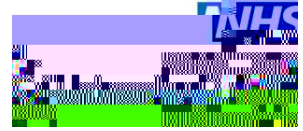
		<p>Matthews said that the Trust goes out to tender, a Task and Finish Group would be established and Governor volunteers would be sought.</p> <p>Mr Westlake said it was a legal requirement for the Trust to have an audit and asked what would happen if there was no response to a tender. Mr Matthews said the Trust was not expecting no response but the outcome needed to be considered.</p> <p>There being no further comments or questions, the update was noted.</p> <p>The Council of Governors noted the external auditor tender process update.</p> <p><i>Mrs Foster left the meeting.</i></p>	
8.2	29.23	<p>REPORTS FROM COG COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC AND MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP</p>	

Mrs Penwarden presented the CoG Coordinating Committee report, as she provided an overview of the discussions, including updates from the two Task and Finish Groups and Governor training. The CoG meeting agendas had been reviewed, including prioritising items and topics to reduce the length of the day. This included moving the patient experience discussion to November 2023 so that more time could be given to it. Mrs Penwarden invited questions.

Mrs Sweeney said that it had been agreed that the 90 minute CoG pre-meeting be more structured and asked for feedback on how that had worked. The CoG agreed it had worked well and it was good practice to have an



what exactly was involved in the role. He added that he was pleased that the



with both on the Board and other Trust colleagues. Professor Marshall gave an overview of his professional background as a professional leader in General Practice, his interest in policy, his research work and also his work in government. He said he hoped Governors had seen at Board that he asked how the Trust compared



MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

23 August 2023

ACTIONS SUMMARY

This checklist provides a summary of actions agreed at the CoG meeting, and will be updated and attached to the minutes each quarter.

PUBLIC AGENDA



