

Council of Governors – Public Session

Meeting to be held at 13.30 on Thursday 8 March 2018 in the Board Room,
Hellesdon Hospital, Drayton High Road, Norwich, NR6 5BE

AGENDA

Time	Item No		
13:30	18.18	Chair’s welcome, notification of any urgent business and apologies for absence:	
	18.19	<u>Items for approval</u>	
13:35	<i>i.</i>	Consideration of approval of appointment of CEO <i>(Gary Page)</i>	Attachment A (to follow)
13:40	<i>ii.</i>	Approval of substitute governor (Norfolk Public constituency) <i>(Robert Nesbitt)</i>	Attachment B
13.45	18.20	Any other urgent business, previously notified to the Chair	
		Date, time and location of next meeting The next meeting of the Council of Governors will be held in Public on 12 April 2018 in Conference Room 2, Ip-City, Ipswich.	
13:50		CLOSE	

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Report To:	Council of Governors
Meeting Date:	8 March 2018
Title of Report:	Substitute governor option
Action Sought:	For approval
Estimated time:	10 mins
Author:	Robert Nesbitt: Company Secretary
Executive:	Robert Nesbitt: Company Secretary

Executive summary

This report proposes that a substitute governor, Clare Smith, be approved to take up the Norfolk Public governor seat made vacant by Paula Aspland's decision to stand down.

1. Constitutional position

1.1 The constitution has always included a provision to allow the Council of Governor to approve a replacement governor, mid-term, should an elected governor stand down. This is an option that the CoG can exercise twice in any year but it is not an automatic selection: the decision has to be approved by the CoG.

1.2 In October 2015 the CoG modified the arrangement in two ways.

- i. The substitute governor would serve the remainder of the term for the vacated seat (instead of the remainder of the year), and
- ii. There would be a voting threshold for the appointment. To be eligible the substitute governor must have polled at least 66% of the votes of the lowest polling elected governor for that constituency.

2. Substitute governor option

2.1 Paula Aspland's decision to stand down as Norfolk Public Governor means that there is a vacancy. The next candidate in the election was Clare Smith who polled 152 votes. This is 85% of the votes of the lowest polling governor who was elected in the Norfolk Public constituency (178) and therefore above the 66% threshold. See Appendix 1.

2.2 Governors are therefore asked to consider whether to offer the governor seat of Norfolk Public Governor to Clare Smith. Having a full complement of governors improves representation and allows for sharing of the work of the CoG.

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3. Recommendation

3.1 The recommendation is that governors exercise their option to approve a substitute governor for Norfolk Public Constituency to 31.01.21.

Robert Nesbitt
Company Secretary

Background information

Appendix 1 – Extract from Election Result for 02.02.18

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

CLOSE OF VOTING: NOON ON 29 DECEMBER 2017

CONTEST: Public: Norfolk

RESULT		2 to elect
Paula ASPLAND	231	ELECTED
Hilary Lynne HANBURY	178	ELECTED
Clare SMITH	152	

Appendix 2 – Election statement

Clare Smith



I want to help NSFT deliver the right services for everyone who needs them. My family was let down by the Trust a few years ago so I have some insight into its failings. But I also know that many staff are determined to improve its work and in February 2017 I was invited to become a Trust Greenlight Champion, promoting knowledge about learning disabilities and autism.

I believe I have the skills needed to be an effective Governor. I was a journalist – a BBC Health Correspondent – for many years and later became a university lecturer and governor of Salford NHS Trust. Now I run a website where I blog about autism and provide training courses for professional people.

I have also helped set up Norfolk's first organisation to be a voice for people with Asperger's syndrome – the Norfolk Autism/Asperger's Network.

I have seen how the Trust works from the inside and the outside, and I can ask the right questions to persuade the Trust Directors to improve their management of NSFT.

Declaration of Interests:

Political Party: None

Financial or other interest in the Trust: None

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