

Governor and QEH Governors' Council responsibilities

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Governor at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn (the Trust). Please find below a brief outline of the role of the Governors' Council and the Governors' Committees for your information.

The Governors' Council

There are five Governors' Council meetings per annum. In addition, the Lead Governor holds monthly informal 'chats' via Teams when Governors can speak freely and there is approximately one informal briefing (via Teams) per month to inform the Governors about important matters at the Trust, regionally and nationally. The Governors' Council has key statutory and governance responsibilities: the appointment of the Trust Chair, approval of the Auditors and holding the Non-Executive Directors (NEDs) to account.

Governors' Council Committees

There are three Governors' Council committees which meet five times annually and Governors are expected to sit on one but can go on more, should they wish. All meetings will be held via MS Teams until it is possible to return to face-to-face meetings.

- Governors' Patient Experience committee
- Governors' Business committee
- Membership, Communications and Engagement committee

Several Governors get out and about in the Community and sit on Patient Participation Groups (PPG) or the Cancer Services Group, others help with internal Clinical Reviews or open Healthcare Events (not being held currently due to COVID restrictions). Some Governors are involved with overseeing with the development of the Integrated Care System (ICS), Acute Provider Collaboration and the Digital framework etc.

In Summary

Governors can put as much into the role as they like and many find the role increasingly interesting. Governors are privy to the Trust's strategic plans and play an important role in shaping the future of the Trust. The role is honorary but a petrol allowance is paid.

The Governors tab on the website is the orange one <http://www.gehkl.nhs.uk/section-index.asp?s=foundation&p=foundation> and The Constitution, also on the website, provides a lot of information regarding the role of the Governors' Council.

Thank you for your interest in the Governor role and please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Renwick, Governor and Membership Officer on sarah.renwick@gehkl.nhs.uk or 01553 613142 should you require further information.