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Deputy Chair's Report

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Purpose of the paper	This report provides an update to the Council of Governors on a number of key items since the previous report provided in July 2023.		
Action required	For information		
Previously discussed at/informed by	N/A		
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	

1. Bespoke in-house development session for our NEDs and Governors



As a reminder the session facilitated by NHS Providers, on Thursday 6 July, included a mixture of governors and non-executive directors and was supported by members of the corporate governance team. The key elements discussed covered:

- Governance and the role of the NED/Governor (the role of the NED, the role of the Governor and, assurance vs reassurance)
- Relationship building and group discussion (what works well at BTHFT and, what could be better)
- Our next steps

For those of you who were not at the session, you will have received a link to the recordings along with a copy of the full presentation and the 'next steps'. The 'next steps' were formulated by the NEDs and Governors in attendance following the end of the main discussion. All Governors and NEDs were invited to provide any comments / feedback that they would like to share. To date no further feedback has been received.

The links will be circulated again and I would like to extend this opportunity for you to provide any feedback you wish to share. Governors and NEDs will be advised of how we will progress this area of work once the interim Chair is confirmed in post.

2. Annual Members Meeting / Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that our Annual Members Meeting/Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 15 November. The full event will take place from 4pm to 6.45pm.

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Full information, including the programme, is available online [here](#).

We also have a showcase event taking place from 4pm to 5 pm immediately before our AGM/AMM and this year's special guest speaker will be Terri Saunderson, Director of Operations, who will discuss progress made regarding the Trust's Virtual Ward Programme. A virtual ward is a 'ward without walls', where a patient's treatment and care can begin and end in their own home with the support of a multi-discipline clinical team every step of the way.



Annual General Meeting and Annual Members Meeting 2023

Wednesday 15th November 2023, 5pm to 6:45pm

Showcase event, snacks and refreshments available from 4-5pm

Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Field House,
Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, BD9 6RJ

Please share this information with your networks. I look forward to seeing you there.

3. Elections to the Council of Governors

Will you be our next governor?



An elections process will launch towards the end of January 2024. Further information will be published before year end when we will also ask for the support of our Governors (and Non-Executive Directors) to support our elections campaigns and share information amongst their networks.

4. Communications with members

Our foundation trust members have continued to be in receipt of 'Mel's monthly round-ups' featuring news from across the trust. Now also included are other elements of news relevant for sharing with our members. The latest edition circulated is available [here](#).

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5. Joint Forum: Governors and Non-Executive Directors

Our next joint forum between NEDs and Governors is scheduled for Thursday 9 November from 2.15pm to 3.15pm (prior to the Council of Governors meeting). The outcomes from this session will be reported later that afternoon at the Council meeting.

Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to note this report.