

Guy's and St Thomas' 
NHS Foundation Trust

Council of Governors

Minutes of the 46th meeting of the Council of Governors held on
Wednesday 15th October 2014
in the Robens Suite, Guy's Hospital

Present:

Devon Allison	Tom Hoffman
Thelma Bangura	Denise Lievesley
Kevin Burnand	Jane Pickard
John Burns	John Porter
Anita Campolini	Robert Park
Yvonne Craig Inskip	Barry Silverman
Sue Gallagher	Jason Simons
Noreen Ging	Jenny Stiles
Kate Griffiths-Lambeth	David Treacher
Susan Hardy	Jeff Whitear
Ken Hayes	Bryn Williams
Dawn Hill	Paula Young

Apologies:

George Alberti	Matthew Patrick
Warren Turner	Jo Champness
Gail Thompson	Barrie Hargrove
Frank Nestle	David Spratt

In Attendance:

Executive Directors:

Sir Ron Kerr
Amanda Pritchard
Martin Shaw
Ann Macintyre
Steve McGuire
Eileen Sills
Ian Abbs

Non Executive Directors:

Sir Hugh Taylor (Chair)
Diane Summers
Girda Niles
Mike Franklin
Robert Drummond
Sheila Shribman

Other Attendance:

Peter Allanson
Sandrine Michel-Gibson
Marian Ridley
Dr Ajay Sharma

Barbara Hills

Jummy Dawodu

Katherine Morgan

Trust Secretary and Head of Corporate Affairs
Governance Administrator
Director of Evelina London for item CG/14/34
Children's Community Services Clinical
Director for item CG/14/34
Children's Community Services General
Manager for item CG/14/34
Children's Community Services Head of
Nursing for item CG/14/34
King's Lynn Hospital Director of Nursing
(Shadowing Eileen Sills)

CG/14/30 Welcome, apologies and opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed Thelma Bangura, recently elected staff governors representing community based staff, to her first meeting of the Council of Governors.

He announced that a former staff governor, Brian Johnson, had recently died. A memorial service would be held in the Chapel at St Thomas' Hospital on 7th November 2014.

Paula Young, a patient governor, had recently been appointed a volunteer chaplain at the Trust.

CG/14/31 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2014 were approved as a true record.

CG/14/32 Matters Arising

CG/14/26/d: MeDIC – it was noted that the Trust had not yet confirmed what investment it was prepared to make to help to build and develop a more representative membership although work was under way at the working group and as follow up to the Patient and Public Engagement work undertaken earlier in the year.

CG/14/33 Reflection session on Board of Directors meeting

Governors discussed a number of issues arising from the Board meeting.

The discussion about undergraduate education had been something of a shock to Governors though its openness and frankness was welcomed and the discussion seen as important. There were problems to be solved but the action to foster a better sense of belonging by putting students in years 3 and 4 into clusters so they could get to know their tutors better and the work to improve facilities – the recently opened Prideaux hub – were welcomed. The Council looked forward to improved outcomes from future student surveys. It was hoped that some teaching space would feature in the redevelopment of Block 9. It was suggested that it would be helpful to place a short piece in the student gazette setting out the Trust's proposals. The Board's confirmation that it regarded teaching as a key part of the tri-partite mission and its commitment to improvement was welcomed.

It was suggested that in the light of the results from the cancer survey that an exercise along the lines of the staff listening exercise could be set up for cancer patients. However, a more detailed brief was being planned for the next public meeting in January which would propose action.

Governors welcomed the developing Integrated Quality and Performance Report which they confirmed would meet many of the reporting issues they had been raising with the Trust.

The Chief Nurse confirmed that whilst on Trust sites and premises, students were subject to Trust protocols on Ebola. The universities themselves also had good arrangements in place, noting that they took students from the affected areas.

CG/14/34 Community Children Services

The Director of Evelina London Children's Hospital introduced Ajay Sharma, Clinical Director, Community Children's Services, Jummy Dawodu, Head of Specialist Children's Services and Barbara Hill, General Manager of Children's Community Services to brief the Council of Governors about how the Evelina works across boundaries to provide services in the community for children.

Dr Sharma set out the context and background. The work of the Trust sat alongside that of other local services including the local authorities. The agendas of the organisations were similar to reflect the needs of the children being treated – vulnerable young patients often had a combination of health and social care needs.

He noted that there were around 10k births every year in Lambeth and Southwark, there were 40k children aged 0-4 years and around 140k aged 0-19 years. One in five pre- school children have mild-moderate needs and about 2-3% have complex needs.

Both health visitors and school nurses were all qualified nurses with additional qualifications. By March 2015 the number of health visitors would rise from 129 to 175 and would enable the delivery of the healthy child programme. However, some 50 school nurses were covering 235 schools in the boroughs. There was a need to increase the number of school nurses and whilst some resource was being diverted that did not have the second, specialist qualification, all team leaders did.

Additionally 13 family nurses were working with very young teenage mothers from pregnancy until the child's second year. This was based on an American programme that was spreading across the UK.

Much of the work with children was undertaken in collaboration with the third sector which also allowed universal services to be available to all children (including speech and development issues). As far as vulnerable children and those with complex needs were concerned, a number of specialist services were available; some in collaboration with the hospital, and the Family Nurse Partnership bridged the gap between adult and children's service, including safeguarding, for families where the illness of adults had an impact on the children.

Feedback for the services was generally positive. Multiple commissioning posed challenges and there was considerable effort being made to promote joint action between the local authorities and CCGs. Integrated services had provided benefits with the Evelina Child Health Partnership demonstrating the strength of integrated pathways and partnership.

As with other parts of the community, IT remained challenging with increasing demand for mobile technology that would work to improve efficiency and outcomes – which it was confirmed was a priority for the IT strategy in the New Year.

There were shortages in other parts of the system that would affect the services delivered by the Trust – for example there was a national shortage of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services resources and children with these problems, as with adults, often had physical problems as well.

The Council welcomed the presentation and acknowledge the multiplicity of issues and challenges and commended the team on its contribution to solving a number of them.

CG/14/35 **Governors reports**

a. Lead Governor

The lead governor thanked the Trust for the organisation that went into the Annual Public Meeting, commented on the work to improve the reporting between Board Committees and the sponsoring working groups and was pleased that it had now been possible to arrange a joint meeting of Governors of the three KHP trusts on 4th November 2014.

b. Quality and Engagement Working Group

The Council noted the report of the meeting.

c. Service Strategy Working Group

The Working Group Lead reported on a helpful presentation on responding to the needs of an ageing population, demonstrating the Trust's role and position in integration and partnerships. The Group would be looking at the arrangements for supporting the Trust's planning processes next year and would welcome suggestions from Governors on areas to seek further detail.

CG/14/27 **Questions and answers**

The Council of Governors noted the matrix of questions and answers circulated with the papers.

CG/14/28 **Any other Business**

None noted.

CG/14/29 **Date and time of next meeting**

28th January 2015, Robens Suite, 29th Floor, Guy's Hospital

Board of Directors meeting	3.45 – 5.30pm
Council of Governors meeting	6.00 – 7.30pm

Signed: Date: