MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Report of:	Group Executive Director of Workforce and OD
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Subject:	**Update on the Formation of the new MFT Council of Governors**
Purpose of Report:	Indicate which by ✓ • Information to note ✓ • Support • Resolution • Ratify
Consideration of Risk against Key Priorities:	The absence of a Council of Governors would directly contravene Schedule 7 of the NHS Act 2006, Section 151 of the Health & Social Care Act 2012 and the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust Constitution (October 2017)
Recommendations:	The Board of Directors is asked to note the update on the formation of the new MFT Council of Governors
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Update on the Formation of the new MFT Council of Governors

1. Purpose

This paper asks the Board of Directors to note the update on the formation of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors and the selection of a Lead Governor.

2. Background

When Parliament created NHS Foundation Trusts in 2004, it gave them independence from central government to become more directly accountable to patients, service users, local people and NHS staff with the governance structure being designed to ensure that both staff and people from the communities served by the Trust, are provided the opportunity of having a bigger say in the management and provision of services by becoming members. NHS Foundation Trust governors are the direct representatives of local communities and staff in addition to partner organisations. Governors do not manage the operations of the Trusts; rather, they challenge the Board of Directors and hold the Non-Executive Director (NED) to account for the performance of the Board. Governors also represent the interests of NHS Foundation Trust members (public and staff) and the general public, and provide them with information on the Trust's performance and forward plan.

Both the former Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS FT (CMFT) and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS FT (UHSM) had separate Councils of Governors prior to their dissolution on 30th September 2017 and creation of the new Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) on 1st October 2017.

In keeping with legislative and statutory requirements, the new MFT was required to establish a new Council of Governors at the earliest opportunity post merger.

A joint CMFT/UHSM Governor Task & Finish Group was established to develop the new organisation's Constitution and in July 2017, the former CMFT & UHSM Councils of Governors agreed the 'Public Membership Constituencies', 'Governors Numbers (Public, Staff & Nominated)', 'Governor Election Voting Arrangements' (proportional representation); and, 'Governor Terms of Office' for the new organisation (further details can be found in the MFT Constitution - Sections 12 & 13 and Annexes 1, 2 & 3)

A total of **32 Governors** would form the new MFT Council of Governors (17 Public Governors; 7 Staff Governors; and, 8 Appointed [Nominated] Governors)

The new MFT Constitution was ratified by the Interim Board of Directors on 5th September 2017.

3. Election of the MFT Council of Governors

Arrangements were put in place to instigate the MFT Public & Staff Governor election process (in keeping with the Model Election Rules for NHS Providers) immediately after authorisation of the new organisation (3rd October 2017) with a view to the new Council of Governors being in place by the beginning of December 2017.

The Trust invited the Electoral Reform Service (ERS) to independently oversee the MFT Governor Election process and a timetable was drawn up which would serve to secure a new Council of Governors within 42 days (minimum duration required by ERS to complete a fair, open and transparent election cycle).

Key Stakeholders were also contacted separately by MFT to secure the eight Appointed [Nominated] Governors in keeping with the new MFT Constitution (Annex 3, page 28).

4. Outcome of the MFT Public & Staff Governor Elections and Appointed Governors

The Governor elections concluded on the 28th November 2017 and the following results (inc. Appointed Governors) were announced at a Special Members Meeting on 6th December 2017:

Public Governors (17)	**Names**
Manchester	Jayne Bessant, Michael Kelly, Suzanne Russell (Hilton), Sue Rowlands, Janet Heron, Syed Ali, John Churchill
Trafford	Jane Reader, Christine Turner
Eastern Cheshire	Chris Templar
Greater Manchester	Ivy Ashworth-Crees, Karen Morris, Cliff Clinkard, Stephen Caddick, Dave Edwards
Rest of England and Wales	Anthony Nixon, Andrew Whyte

Staff Governors (7)	**Names**
Medical and Dental	Matthias Schmitt
Nursing and Midwifery	Jacky Edwards, John Cooper
Other Clinical	Geraldine Thompson, Alix Joddrell-Banks
Non-Clinical and Support	Colin Owen, Rachel Koutsavakis

Appointed Governors (8)	**Names**
Local Authority (Manchester City Council and Trafford Council)	Councillor Chris Boyes, Councillor Tracey Rawlins
Manchester University	Dr Jenny Myers
Manchester Health Commissioning Group	Dr Faizan Ahmed
Trust Volunteer	Graham Watkins
Trust Youth Forum	Brooke Taylor
Manchester Council for Community Relations or Manchester BME Network	Circle Steele
Umbrella third sector organisation	(tbc)
Council of Governors Total (at 06.12.17) 31 (of 32)	

5. Appointment of the Lead Governor

In keeping with the requirements of the MFT Constitution (Annex 5, pages 80 & 81), the new MFT Council of Governors elected a new Lead Governor following an election process in mid-December 2017.

Mr Dave Edwards (Public Governor, Greater Manchester) was duly elected on 20th December 2017 for a term of 12 months (announced at the inaugural Council of Governors meeting)

6. Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the update on the formation of the new MFT Council of Governors.