

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

9 February 2017

Paper Title:	Trust Board and Council of Governors: Capitalising on our Potential – Presentation and Group Discussion
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Agenda Item:	6
Presented For:	Discussion

1. PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER:

The purpose of this paper is to:

- Reflect on the relationships between the Board of Directors and Council of Governors;
- Receive a presentation from the Chair about the Board's recent discussion on this area; and
- Through Group discussions, identify:
 - How to achieve the appropriate focus on 'assurance and holding to account' and 'helping to meet the challenges'; and
 - What knotty problem (or opportunity) stands out for you and why.

2. BACKGROUND

The Trust is coming up to its two year anniversary of becoming a Foundation Trust in May 2017. At the Board development session in January, the Chair led a discussion about reflecting on the progress made by the Board and Governors during this period. It was suggested that a similar discussion be held with Governors that would help set the context for when the Trust's Annual Plan is presented to the Council of Governors in May.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council of Governors:

- a) Discuss the areas highlighted in the Chair's presentation;
- b) Support the proposal for a joint Board/Governor away half day; and
- c) Note the May agenda of the Council of Governors' meeting will focus on the Trust's new Annual Plan.