

## Council of Governors

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	25 June 2025
<b>Report Title:</b>	Membership and Engagement Working Group update
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### Executive summary

An update is provided from the most recent Membership and Engagement Working Group meeting which took place on 22 May 2025, with seven governors in attendance. The rolling action plan is updated after every meeting, detailing the actions required to meet the priorities as agreed by Council in September 2023. Progress is being made in the following areas:

- The latest version of Get Involved was shared before publication with outline plans for the next three issues discussed. These will focus on governor elections, MyChart and an end of year review.
- The first Health Talk, concentrating on diabetes, is planned for Saturday 28 June 2025. This will be held in Ipswich with a further event, focused on weight management, to be held in Colchester. The communications team will be sharing the details of this event and receiving bookings from Trust members and the public who confirm their attendance. Governors are invited to attend to enable engagement with local people. The working group has been discussing the merits of in person and virtual events and this will be reviewed at the next meeting, having assessed the outcome of the first talk.
- The latest quarterly briefing was shared with all governors following the meeting to assist in their wider engagement. Topics included the launch of a new bariatric service, new visiting hours and the visiting charter, a 'big builds' update and progress in implementing the Trust's Accessibility Statement.
- Governors had been identified to attend the Suffolk Show. Additional information will be made available in time for the Tendring Show to support Governors to talk to local people about the role.
- Staff governors continue to engage with staff and to feed this into discussion. It was positive to note that staff governor badges have increased engagement. Further work is underway to revise all information available to staff regarding the staff governor role.
- An e-form is available for Governors to record their engagement with members and the wider public. The Committee and Membership Secretary will circulate this to the Council on a regular basis.
- The leaflet explaining the Council role will be circulated to Governors to enable comments to be considered as this is updated for the 2025 elections.
- The next meeting of the working group takes place on 13 August 2025. If Governors who are not members of the group would like to attend, they can make a request through the working group chair.

### Action Required of the Council

The Council is invited to note the Membership and Engagement Working Group update.