

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Governors
9 July 2020, 15:00 – 17:30, via WebEx Videoconference**

Name	Title	Initials
Members:		
Gillian Norton	Trust Chairman	Chairman
Nasir Akhtar	Public Governor, Merton	NA
Afzal Ashraf	Public Governor, Wandsworth	AA
Mia Bayles	Public Governor, Rest of England	MB
Nick de Bellaigue	Public Governor, Wandsworth	NDB
Alfredo Benedicto	Appointed Governor, Healthwatch Merton	AB
Anneke de Boer	Public Governor, Merton	ADB
Val Collington	Appointed Governor, Kingston University	VC
Jenni Doman	Staff Governor, Non-Clinical	JM
Sandhya Drew	Public Governor, Rest of England	SD
John Hallmark	Public Governor, Wandsworth	JH
Hilary Harland	Public Governor, Merton	HH
Marlene Johnson	Staff Governor, Nursing & Midwifery	MJ
Nasir Javed Khan	Public Governor, Merton	NJK
Rebecca Lanning	Appointed Governor, Merton Council	RL
Sarah McDermott	Appointed Governor, Wandsworth Council	SMD
Richard Mycroft	Public Governor, SW Lambeth (Lead Governor)	RM
Dr Sangeeta Patel	Appointed Governor, Merton & Wandsworth CCG	DSP
Donald Roy	Appointed Governor, Healthwatch Wandsworth	DR
Stephen Sambrook	Public Governor, Rest of England	SS
Ataul Qadir Tahir	Public Governor, Wandsworth	AQT
In Attendance:		
Ann Beasley	Non-Executive Director	AB-NED
Elizabeth Bishop	Non-Executive Director	EB-NED
Stephen Collier	Non-Executive Director	SC-NED
Parveen Kumar	Non-Executive Director	PK-NED
Tim Wright	Non-Executive Director	TW-NED
Jacqueline Totterdell	Chief Executive Officer (item 2.1 and 2.2 only)	CEO
Humaira Ashraf	Deputy Chief People Officer (Culture) (item 2.2 only)	DCPO(C)
Paul Dossett	Key Audit Partner, Grant Thornton (item 4.2 only)	KAPGT
Stephen Jones	Chief Corporate Affairs Officer	CCAO
Tamara Croud	Head of Corporate Governance/Board Secretary	HO CG-BS
Richard Coxon	Membership & Engagement Manager (Minutes)	MEM
Apologies:		
Frances Gibson	Appointed Governor, St George's University	FG
Basheer Khan	Public Governor, Wandsworth	BK
Pui-Ling Li	Associate Non-Executive Director	ANED
Doulla Manolas	Public Governor, Wandsworth	DM
Damian Quinn	Public Governor, Rest of England	DQ
Anup Sharma	Staff Governor, Medical & Dental	AS
Bassey Williams	Staff Governor, Allied Health Professionals	BW

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1.0	OPENING ADMINISTRATION	
1.1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies as set out above.</p>	
1.2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no new declarations of interests reported.</p>	
1.3	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record subject to adding under, section 2.2 on page 6, after paragraph 1 <i>“It was also noted that this had been the second year that the choice for the quality indicator for local testing was presented at Council for decision with little background which had caused confusion at the meeting.”</i></p> <p>It was noted that the Trust was committed to improving the process for the Council to consider and agree the local quality indicator for testing. It was also noted that a Governor seminar had been arranged for 12 January 2021 to provide Governors with an update on progress against 2020-21 quality priorities and early sight of the options for selecting the local quality indicator before being asked for a formal decision.</p>	
1.4	<p>Action Log and Matters Arising</p> <p>The Council reviewed the action log and agreed that all items could be closed.</p> <p>COG.17.12.19/02 Workforce & Sickness. The CCAO would arrange for the Chief People Officer to provide an update on workforce and sickness absence as part of the Council’s forward work programme from 2020-21. It was noted that this had been added to the Council of Governor workplan as a seminar.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/01 Coronavirus Covid-19 Update. It was agreed that Governors would be sent a briefing on Coronavirus by email in coming days. It was noted that a confidential briefing had been sent to the Council on the 28 February 2020 by email.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/02 Quality Indicator Audit. It was noted that the majority of Governors responding to the email about the local indicator had chosen the readmission within 28 days of discharge (percentage of patients readmitted within 28 days by age 0 to 14 and 15 or over). The Council of Governors noted that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic NHSE&I had decided that production of the Quality Report for 2019-20 was discretionary in order to ease the reporting burden on Trusts. However, the Trust was already well advanced in the preparation of the Quality Report and had decided to continue to produce and submit this to the original timeframe. In light of the social distancing restrictions, however, the external auditors had not been able to undertake an audit of the Quality Report. In this absence of this, the Quality and Safety Committee had closely scrutinised the text and were content with the submission.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/03 Constituency Question Time Events. It was noted that Constituency Question Time Events had taken place on 9 and 11 March and the planned event on 12 March was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/04 Governor Elections. A report on the elections was scheduled to be considered under agenda item 3.1.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/05 NHS System Working. A suitable date was currently being identified</p>	

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	<p>for the Chair of the South West London Integrated Care System to speak to Governors. A separate seminar session with the CSO was planned for October to give an overview on system working. This had been added to the Council of Governors forward programme of work in 2020-21.</p> <p>COG.19.02.20/06 Annual Planning Seminar. An Annual Planning Seminar to be arranged for the Council the next month. This was arranged for 23 March 2020. However, this needed to be cancelled due to Covid-19 and directive from NHS England and Improvement (NHSE&I) to suspend all non-urgent work to deal with the pandemic.</p>	
2.0	KEY ISSUES	
2.1	<p>COVID-19 Update and Resuming Services</p> <p>The Council welcomed Jacqueline Totterdell, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who gave a confidential briefing on Trust activity, an update on Covid-19 and the resumption of services. The CEO highlighted the following:</p> <p><u>Covid-19 Risk Assessment</u> It was noted that Covid-19 risk assessments were being carried out on both permanent and contracted staff. The risk assessment response rate from Trust staff was at 69% as of 9 July 2020 but significant work was being undertaken to ensure all staff had received risk assessments and the response rate was expected to increase significantly over the coming weeks. All staff were being risk assessed and the Trust had received a lot of positive feedback from those who had been through the process. The CEO emphasised that the process sought to ensure that the risk assessment provided for a meaningful assessment of risk; the process was not simply a tick box exercise, and all managers were expected to discuss their risk assessments with their direct reports.</p> <p><u>Stepping services back up</u> It was reported that the Trust was restarting a wide range of services to ensure patients received the treatment they needed as quickly and as safely as possible. There were a number of operational measures being undertaken to safeguard patients when they were in the hospital. The Trust had created additional Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed capacity to respond to the pandemic. The pandemic and the Trust's need to suspend some services during the initial peak had impacted on the Trust's position in relation to the number of patients waiting more than 52 weeks for treatment. The Trust was working closely with other Trusts and across the system to reduce these waiting lists as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Trust's Emergency Department (ED) performance had improved. The Trust had achieved 95%+ for the past 8 weeks against the 4-hour standard and had been among the top performers across London. All Trusts had experienced a reduction in the number of patients attending ED, and the challenge now was how to ensure patients who needed care felt confident enough to access it. The number of those presenting at ED had increased in recent weeks, but remained below the usual level for this time of year.</p> <p>Front line staff had done a fantastic job during the pandemic and as they got back to normal the Trust would continue to support staff in the form of counselling. Staff who had been redeployed during the height of the pandemic were moving back into their substantive roles and this had been an adjustment for some and psychologists are available to support them. It was noted that the staff sickness rate for the Trust was currently significantly reduced.</p> <p><u>Executive Director Changes</u> Harbhajan Brar had left the Trust in May 2020. The Trust had carried out a recruitment campaign to appoint a successor as Chief People Officer. However, a suitable</p>	

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	<p>candidate had not been identified and a second recruitment campaign would be undertaken shortly. Elizabeth Nyawade and Humaira Ashraf, both of whom had joined the Trust earlier in the year as Deputy Chief People Officers for Workforce and Culture & Organisational Development respectively, were jointly acting up to cover the Chief People Officer role until a substantive successor was in place. External mentoring support to them was being provided by Martin Kirke, a non-executive director at Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust.</p> <p>Avey Bhatia, the Trust's substantive Chief Nurse who was currently covering the Chief Operating Officer (COO) role, would leave the Trust in October 2020 to take up the post of Chief Nurse at Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust. A recruitment process for the appointment of a substantive COO was currently being planned. Robert Bleasdale remained Acting Chief Nurse for the Trust.</p> <p>Andrew Asbury, new Director of Estates and Facilities, had taken up post on 25 May 2020.</p> <p>The following key points were raised by Governors and noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Trust was working hard to return services back to normal within the new environment. ED attendances were currently 300-350 patients a day compared to 500-550 previously and the Trust was carrying out half the usual number of operations due to additional safety measures. • In response to a question from John Hallmark (JH) it was reported that the Trust had moved as much of its non-urgent services as possible to the Queen Mary's Hospital (QMH) site. No Covid-19 patients were being treated at QMH. • In response to a question from Nasir Khan (NK) it was noted that during the Covid pandemic a lot of urgent cancer patients continued to receive treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital and St Anthony's Hospital. • Alfredo Benedicto (AB) reported that Healthwatch Merton had received a number of queries from patients who claimed to have received hospital letters discharging them back to their GP. These letters had apparently come from the Trust and also Epsom & St Helier (ESTH). It was agreed that AB would provide more information about the letters to the CEO and Chairman. • In response to a question it was noted that NHS London clinical networks had adopted one waiting list across the sector for patients with standardised waiting times. There were six key speciality services which had been identified across South West London as priority areas for recovery including musculoskeletal (MSK), gynaecology, urology, ophthalmology, ears, nose and throat (ENT), General Surgery and urology. There were different acute trusts 'leading' with all medical directors and clinicians welcoming the changes. It was noted that the Trust was leading on ENT and Urology and there were another six speciality services that will be launched next month. The Chairman noted that increasingly, the sector was leading the process of recovery and planning for future Covid-19 surges. This work was being led by executive clinical leadership. • The Council noted that the free food provided to staff as part of Covid-19 support, much of which had been provided through generous charitable donations, was coming to an end and free parking was also expected to cease in the coming weeks as services were reinstated. The Trust was looking at ways to continue housing the well-being hubs for staff going forward as they had been popular. The psychological support would continue with charity help in service areas that had experienced a 	<p>AB</p>

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	<p>high death rate. It was noted that some staff were coming down from an adrenaline high of working in a pressured environment to return to normal working and required support. The CEO felt that as she had needed to shield herself at home due to an underlying health condition which means she was in the highest at risk category during the pandemic, this had helped other 'high risk' staff to feel they could shield safely. It was noted that the Trust was reviewing flexible working for staff and ensuring that there was appropriate social distancing in offices and other working environments in the Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to a question on the discharge of patients to care homes at the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, the CEO reported that all patients discharged to care homes were being tested three days before their discharge date and also on day of discharge and a range of other measures had been taken to ensure that the Trust was not discharging Covid positive patients to care home settings. However, it was not possible to provide definitive assurance on this in all cases during the early phases of the pandemic. The Trust had also provided support to the residential and nursing homes and noted that the funding of residential and nursing care homes was still an issue that needed resolving by NHSE&I. <p>The Chairman informed the Council, as Chairman-in-Common of both the Trust and ESTH that the CCGs had approved the proposed new hospital development in Sutton. This was a significant development for ESTH and the points made by St George's and other neighbouring hospitals had been taken into account.</p>	
2.2	<p>Diversity & Inclusion</p> <p>The CEO presented the Trust's Diversity and Inclusion progress update. The following key points were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 47% of Trust staff were from BAME backgrounds and it was important that they are celebrated and felt valued and safe at work. The Trust had appointed Joseph Pavett-Downer as the Trust's Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Lead. The following executive sponsored staff networks had been established, each of which had selected network chairs and adopted terms of reference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAME network Women's network Disability and Wellbeing network LGBTQ+ network Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trust had worked hard to promote awareness of and celebrate the diversity of its staff, with various events marking Diwali, Chanukah, Chinese New Year, Black History Month and Pride. A total of thirty members of staff had been trained as BAME recruitment representatives for interview panels for posts Band 8a and above to ensure a fair interview for BAME applicants. The process for ensuring that these individuals were routinely involved in interviews was now underway following the training provided. In response to the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME staff, the Trust had held four listening events that were each attended by an executive director and facilitated by the Clinical Health Psychologist team. A conference call was held for staff members with concerns. A support email and phone line had also been established and staffed to deal with concerns. Both the Chairman and CEO held the strong belief that the Trust needed to quickly 	

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	<p>and radically improve how inclusive the Trust was as an organisation and how it recognises and celebrates diversity. This had been reflected in their recent joint message to staff.</p> <p>The following key points were raised and noted in discussion:</p> <p>It was agreed that problems which had been previously identified had not been properly resourced or given the priority they deserved. The NEDs had challenged the Executive Directors at Trust Board and the Workforce and Education Committee (WEC) over this issue. The Chairman pointed out that it was for the Council to hold the NEDs to account on the issue and not seek to hold to account the Executive Directors. Stephen Collier (SC-NED), Chair of WEC, felt that any challenge was entirely justified and confirmed that much more had been achieved over the past six months than previously. But it was clear that significant further progress was needed at pace.</p> <p>It was noted that local authorities also had large diverse workforces and they had been very active in dealing with diversity and inclusion issues and the Trust should seek to learn from these organisations. It was noted that the Trust's response to the NHS People Plan and its diversity and inclusion work would be monitored through WEC and Governors would continue to receive messages to staff from the Chairman and CEO on these issues.</p>	
3.0	COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS WORKING	
3.1	<p>Council of Governor Work Programme and Engagement Activities Updates</p> <p>The CCAO presented the Council of Governors Work Programme and Engagement Activities update. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council of Governors work programme had been impacted by Covid-19 and the directive from NHSE&I to suspend Council of Governors meetings and membership engagement during the pandemic. As a result, the Council of Governors meeting in May 2020 and Membership Engagement Committee in June had been cancelled. • The revised programme now addressed all key items of business for the Committee and all activities have been restarted to take place virtually. It was agreed that the planned Council meetings on 10 September 2020, 10 December 2020 and 16 February 2021 would go ahead as planned as virtual meetings if necessary. • The Council of Governors training programme would also now be delivered virtually and the scheduled NHS Providers training on 18 August would be delivered via Zoom which would cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NHS landscape and framework – Governance and role of Governors and their responsibilities – How to hold NEDs to account including effective questioning and challenge • Other training sessions during the year would cover Strategy, Annual Planning, Quality and Finance. • Membership and engagement activities were being resumed with measures in place to deliver activities which comply with social distancing restrictions. The planned survey of members would go ahead during the summer and a revised programme of member talks for the rest of year would be delivered virtually. The Annual Members' Meeting would go ahead as a virtual meeting on the 10 September 2020 with clear guidance given to members and the public on how to submit questions in advance. • Governor elections would proceed with the original timetable during November 2020 	

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	<p>which would allow more time for new Governors to receive a fuller and more rounded induction. It was noted that there were eleven seats up for re-election (three in Wandsworth, two in Merton, two in Rest in England, one in South West Lambeth and three staff Governors). The new three year terms would start on 1 February 2021.</p> <p>The Council agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forward work plan Council of Governor Meetings and training programme to continue as planned as virtual meetings. • The Annual Members Meeting to be held on 10 September 2020 as a virtual meeting. • The membership and engagement activity including the membership strategy objectives. • To bring forward Election timetable. 	
4.0	GOVERNANCE	
4.1	<p>Nominations & Remuneration Committee Report</p> <p>The CCAO presented the Nominations and Remuneration Committee report from the meeting held on 28 April 2020. The Committee had discussed the outcome of the appraisals of Chairman and other Non-Executive Directors (NEDs) and the proposed reappointment of Tim Wright for a further three years as a NED. It was noted that the appraisal requirements had slightly changed this year with new national guidance framing how appraisals should be concluded. This included in the case of the Chairman's appraisal seeking feedback from Sir David Sloman, NHS London Regional Director, using the new competency framework for NHS provider chairs as the basis for the multi-source feedback. It was noted that the outcome of the Chairman's appraisal had been submitted to the Chair and Chief Operating Officer of NHS England and Improvement (NHSE&I) who had the power to moderate.</p> <p>To inform each appraisal, 360 degree feedback had been sought from all members of the Trust Board and the Council of Governors, though it was noted newly elected Governors would not be in a position to contribute. Additional feedback had been sought from a range of external stakeholders for the Chairman's appraisal and from the Ethics Committee and St George's Hospital Charity for Tim Wright's appraisal. It was noted that the levels of responses were down from last year which in part reflected the fact that the appraisal process overlapped with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that the Committee thought all NEDs had performed effectively during the year and the objectives for coming year were also agreed and appended to the report.</p> <p>The Committee had considered the reappointment of Tim Wright for a second three-year term and had gone through the specified criteria to re-appoint, which included a positive appraisal, being able to give the time commitment required and consideration of the current skills mix on Trust Board. It was noted that it was the established policy to agree to a reappointment of a NED after their first term of office rather than advertising the position where that NED had a positive appraisal. The remuneration of £14,000 per annum (pa) would remain the same pending the outcome of ongoing NHSE&I discussions on the scope for local variation in remuneration rates in light of the new guidance previously reported to the Council.</p> <p>It was noted that new Governors would have an opportunity to be a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and also the Membership Engagement Committee. It was agreed that expressions of interest from Governors would be</p>	

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	<p>sought so this could be discussed and agreed at 10 September 2020 Council meeting.</p> <p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the outcome of the Chairman and NED annual appraisal. • Agreed the reappointment of Tim Wright as a NED for a new three year term starting on the 26 September 2020 on the same remuneration of £14,000 per annum. 	CCAO
4.2	<p>External Auditors Report 2019-20</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Elizabeth Bishop (EB-NED) who had commenced her term as a NED in February 2020 and who had taken on the role of Audit Committee chair. She is also a NED at ESTH and had chaired the Audit Committee there for five years. EB-NED stated that she wanted to build on the work of Sarah Wilton, the previous Committee Chair, to continue the high performance of the Audit Committee. She reported that the end of year financial audit had gone well.</p> <p>Paul Dossett (KAPGT), Key Audit Partner of Grant Thornton, the Trust's External Auditors joined the meeting. He noted that the three key responsibilities of the external auditor was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give an opinion on the Trust's financial statement • Assess the Trust's arrangements for ensuring value for money • Certify findings <p>The KAPGT and his team had undertaken the external audit remotely due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The auditors had given an unqualified opinion on the financial statement for the Trust. It was noted that as part of this year's audit asset valuations had also been reviewed. The Trust's long-term financial difficulties and the fact it remained in financial special measures meant that it had received an adverse value for money conclusion.</p> <p>In response to questions raised by the Council, the following key points were raised and noted in discussion:</p> <p>NK asked about the progress of the Care Quality Commission inspection actions (CQC actions) from the last inspection. It was reported that the Quality and Safety Committee received regular updates on the outstanding CQC inspection actions and the plans for delivering against these. It was agreed that an update on the CQC inspection actions would be arranged for the Council of Governors.</p> <p>NK asked about the value for money and activity plan being met for 2020-21. It was noted that the Finance and Investment Committee (FIC) were addressing this as part of their role. Ann Beasley, Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee (AB-NED) reported that trusts were being reimbursed by the Government on the Covid-19 costs they had incurred, so it was essential that all costs incurred as a result of Covid were clearly documented so they could be reclaimed. The impact of the pandemic on waiting times was noted and it was clear that across the NHS many people would have to wait longer for non-urgent treatment. The Chairman commented that it was not certain that all money incurred through Covid would be reimbursed and this was a risk going forward.</p> <p>In response to a question on the external auditor fees, EB-NED reported that last year's fee had been £68,500 and planned fees were £78,750, with actual fee charged being £86,750. It was noted that the increase was due to changes in relation to the technical requirement of the audit in relation to land and building valuation and additional external</p>	CCAO

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	<p>reviews that the auditors had needed to undertake this year. The actual fees included additional complications of carrying out audit work remotely during Covid-19. It was noted that the Department of Health had extended the deadline for four weeks for submission of audit due to the complexities of work. In addition, the requirement for an audit of the quality account was not required. The Trust had produced its quality account and this had received additional scrutiny from the Quality and Safety Committee in the absence of review by external audit.</p>	
5.0	ACCOUNTABILITY	
5.1	<p>Overview from Non-Executive Directors</p> <p>It was noted that all the Trust Board Committee reports since the last meeting had been circulated to the Council for information prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Professor Dame Parveen Kumar (PK-NED), who had joined the Trust in January 2020 and was the Chair of the Quality & Safety Committee (QSC). The Committee had covered a great deal of work in its monthly meetings during recent months, and much of this had necessarily focused on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuring the safety of patients both with Covid and those whose non-Covid care was impacted by the pandemic. PK-NED reported that she had had an opportunity to meet with staff earlier that week on the Covid wards and had been impressed with the resilience of staff and the strong team working she had witnessed. As noted previously, the Committee was continuing to regularly review the CQC actions; the two 'must do's' and 44 'should do' actions. The Committee had also agreed a deep dive programme for next year.</p> <p>In response to questions raised by Governors the following key points were raised and noted in discussion:</p> <p>A local community newsletter had published information to suggest that the death rate from Covid-19 was higher in SWL than in other parts of London. The Chief Executive clarified that London as a whole had recorded higher Covid-19 infection rates at an earlier stage of the pandemic compared with other parts of the country. The prevalence of Covid in different parts of the capital often reflected the socio-economic profile of different geographic areas, with those parts of London with greater social deprivation often encountering higher levels of Covid-19 infection. South West London had encountered high Covid-19 infection rates, as had North West London.</p> <p>NK noted the improvement that had been made in maternity services which had been set out in the Quality and Safety Committee report. PK-NED advised that the QSC received regular updates on Maternity Services and team working had improved during the pandemic as the team had pulled together. Jan Bradley had been appointed as the new Director of Midwifery and would start on 8 August which would further strengthen the team. The Committee would continue to monitor progress closely.</p> <p>Hilary Harland (HH) asked about the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian (FTSUG) response rates. SC-NED responded that the Trust had scored poorly against other trusts in relation to the number of issues raised and how quickly they were investigated and dealt with. It was noted that executive responsibility for the FTSUG function had moved from Human Resources (HR) to the CCAO in mid June 2020 and work was underway to strengthen the function and develop a vision and strategy for FTSU. It was noted that a lot of the cases involved concerns relating to HR so the move to Corporate Affairs provided for a greater degree of visible independence. The CCAO reported that Karyn Richards-Wright, the Freedom to Speak up Guardian, was very capable and was the regional network chair across London. The Chairman stated that she had been very clear as to the need for change and emphasised the importance of the work underway to improve the Trust's position.</p>	

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	<p>The Council noted that the medical engagement survey had received a low level of engagement from clinicians across the Trust. PK-NED reported that QSC had challenged the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) as there had been little improvement from the survey undertaken three years previously. It was noted that the CMO would be bringing a plan to improve medical engagement to WEC and QSC to review in due course.</p> <p>A question was raised on the writing off of Trust debt. EB-NED clarified that the Secretary of State for Health had, from 1 April 2020, converted trust loans to public dividend capital. For St George's, this meant that £51.8m of the Trust's previous debt had been converted into public dividend capital, though £14.7m had not been converted. In addition working capital of £263m had been converted and all converted loans would attract a 3.5% interest charge. It was noted that these changes would be reflected in the financial accounts for 2020-21.</p>	
6.0	CLOSING ADMINISTRATION	
6.1	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no any other business raised.</p>	
6.2	<p>Reflections on meeting</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the Council was a large meeting to hold virtually but expressed the view that the meeting seemed to have worked well. NK agreed it had worked well and had been a productive meeting. Afzal Ashraf (AA) thought the best had been made of the situation but that there were better videoconference options, such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams which gave better performance technically. The CCAO responded that although WebEx videoconferencing had its limitations it was only a temporary solution and Trust planned to move to Microsoft Teams. There were a few technical issues which IT was trying to resolve, for example, to enable Governors to join meetings by telephone. It was noted that many organisations were using Zoom though it was the Trust's policy that this was not appropriate due to security and data sharing issues.</p> <p>ADB felt that the lead Governor's initiative to have the option to pre-submit questions in advance had been a good idea. AB commented that it had been good to receive the reports in plenty of time to read them and an opportunity to raise questions in advance of the meeting. Sarah McDermott (SM) noted that there were benefits in not having to travel and noted that everyone is getting used to the virtual meeting format.</p>	
	<p>Date of next Meeting: 10 September 2020, 14:00-17:00 and Annual Member's Meeting, 18:00-19:30</p>	