

## **Council of Governors (in Public)**

### **Item 9.3**

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paper**

**Subject:** Appointment of Senior Governor  
**Date of meeting:** Tuesday 1st March 2016  
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**Presented by:** Lucy Lavan, Associate Director of Corporate Affairs

#### **1.0 Introduction**

The Council of Governors approved a process for nominating the Senior Governor from amongst the 14 elected public governors in December 2009.

Ken Blasbery was appointed as Senior Governor in March 2013 for 12 months, an additional 12 months in March 2014 and for his third term in March 2015. Ken has given notice of his intention to step down from the role in March.

The Public Governors were invited to express an interest in the role, by informing Lucy Lavan, Associate Director of Corporate Affairs by 5pm on Friday 12th February 2016. A copy of the approved role specification is attached at Appendix 1 for information.

Paula Pattullo, Public Governor – Merseyside has expressed a willingness to take on the Senior Governor role.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

The Council of Governors is recommended to approve the appointment of Paula Pattullo as Senior Governor for a 12 month tenure commencing 1st March 2016.

### **Role Specification for Senior Governor:**

#### **The Role:**

The Senior Governor will:

1. Be the named governor for direct contact by Monitor
2. Chair such parts of the meetings of the Council of Governors (CoG) which cannot be chaired by the person presiding (Chairman or Deputy Chair or Non Executive Director) due to a conflict of interest in relation to the business being discussed.

#### **The Person:**

To be able to fulfil this role effectively the Senior Governor will

- Have the confidence of governor colleagues and members of the Board of Directors
- Have ability to influence
- Be able to present a well-reasoned argument
- Be committed to the success of the Foundation Trust
- Have access to an email account

#### **Eligibility and Terms of Office:**

- The Senior Governor will be appointed from amongst the 14 elected public Governors.
- Will hold office for a one year period or until their term ends, whichever is sooner
- Subject to annual election, will hold the position for a maximum of 3 years