

Council of Governors (Public)

Item 10.2

Subject: Appointment of Senior Governor
Date of meeting: 5th December 2016
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1.0 Executive Summary

This paper recommends that the Council of Governors approves an extension to Paula Pattullo's term as Senior Governor for a further 6 months until her tenure as a public governor ends following the 2017 Annual Members' Meeting.

2.0 Background

The Council of Governors approved a process for nominating the Senior Governor from amongst the 14 elected public governors in December 2009. A copy of the approved role specification is attached at Appendix 1.

Paula Pattullo, Public Governor – Merseyside is currently undertaking the role of Senior Governor as approved at the Council of Governors on 1st March 2016. Paula's twelve month tenure is due to end on 1st March 2017. As this is Paula's first tenure in the role she is eligible to continue in this role, if this is supported by the Council of Governors.

3.0 Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to approve the recommendation that Paula Pattullo continues in the role of Senior Governor until the end of the Annual Members' Meeting 2017.

Expressions of interest for a successor will be sought in Summer 2017.

Role Specification for Senior Governor:

The Role:

The Senior Governor will:

1. Be the named governor for direct contact by NHS Improvement
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