

Board (in Public)

Item 4.1

Subject: LHCH Constitution
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 23rd September 2025
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Purpose of Report: To Receive

1. Executive Summary

A Foundation Trust constitution is a legal document that sets out the rules for how an NHS Foundation Trust operates, including its purpose, governance structure (like the Board of Directors and Council of Governors), membership and constituency details, and how it is accountable to the public. It acts as the Trust's internal rulebook, giving it the freedom to manage its services and finances independently while remaining accountable to local communities, staff, and patients

As LHCH concludes its LAASP orientated integration activities to join UHLG from 1 October 2025 it is necessary to make amendments to the Trust Constitution in order to support Group ways of working. It is important to note that the Constitution is an important document but also provides a framework for action rather than being prescriptive. This is no different from any other Foundation Trust and the document draws heavily on a now quite dated national model.

Key areas of change are as follows:

- Introduction - included an introduction highlighting the move to a group model with Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Powers - Included reference to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Health and Care Act 2022.
- Change to the minimum and maximum number of Non-Executive Directors (section 20) and Executive Directors (section 20)

See annexed LHCH Constitution.

This proposal was also considered by the LHCH COG on 16th September with a verbal update to be made available to the Board at its meeting on 23rd September

3. Recommendations

The Board are recommended to **approve** the contents of the report.