

Governor's Report

Ryedale and East Yorkshire

Apologies from your Ryedale & East Yorkshire Governors for the late report from the three of us; there have been several changes going on in the Trust, one being the retirement of our Chief Executive, Patrick Crowley in May, therefore some of our activities go back to that date. We are delighted to say that Jeanette Anness has been re-elected and wish to thank all of those who voted for her.

When possible we attend the Public Board meetings which are now held bi-monthly; this helps us assess our non-executive directors whom we appoint. We have also attended our quarterly Council of Governors meetings where we have a chance to have speakers and ask questions. Jeanette and I attended the Patient Led Assessment of the Core Environment (PLACE) training which is to check on the environment and food. We also attend by-yearly a meeting between the Board and the Council of Governors where we can ask questions which are of concern. The three of us attend various committees, which are held quarterly e.g. Nomination & Remuneration Committee, Constitution Review Group, Transport committee etc.

We were also involved in the recruitment of two associate non-executive directors (NEDs) by helping shortlist and attend focus groups before the final interviews; I am pleased to say that they have now become full non-executive directors. We will be going through a similar procedure as one of our longest serving NEDs is retiring, so we will look forward to appointing a replacement.

The Trust invited candidates to become our new chief executive and received some very good responses; 75 staff and five governors were invited to a presentation day where the four final short listed candidates gave presentations and then answered questions which we all scored. Sadly at the final interview no candidate was appointed, so we will shortly be going through the same process in the new year.

Jeanette and I also attended two out of the three Board sub committees last summer which give us a better understanding of how the Trust works.

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