

## Paper for Council of Governors

Thursday 7 April 2022

<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Mode of meetings</b>
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☒ Discussion

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### Executive summary

The Council of Governors meets four times a year. Throughout the COVID-19 global pandemic, it met more sporadically, and virtually, using Microsoft Teams.

As we begin to move out of the pandemic, our normal Trust governance arrangements will resume, with four meetings of the Council per year. Many have expressed a desire to meet in person, whilst it is also acknowledged that virtual meetings are very convenient and efficient, and more accessible for some, particularly our public observers.

It is therefore proposed that two meetings per year should be held in person, one in the Ipswich area, and one in the Colchester area (venues to be confirmed). The remaining two meetings should be held virtually, using Microsoft Teams. The meetings would alternate, one in person, one virtually.

The Council should note that the Annual Members Meeting is considered a public CoG meeting. It is proposed that the Annual Members Meeting is included in the four meetings and that it counts as one of the two virtual meetings in the year. This is because public members attending more than doubled between 2019 and 2020, so it clearly works.

After full consideration, it is considered that a hybrid version of in person and virtual for a meeting in public is not ideal, and this option is not therefore offered for consideration.

The Council is asked to consider these proposals. If agreed, our June meeting will be held in person in the Ipswich area.

### Action Required of the Board/Committee

#### The meeting is asked to:

Discuss, consider and approve how The Council of Governors meeting are run in the future and shared publicly.

The recommendation is for four meetings a year, two in person, two virtually, one of which is the Annual Members Meeting.

Link to Strategic Objectives (SO)		Please tick
SO1	Keep people in control of their health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO2	Lead the integration of care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SO3	Develop our centres of excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Support and develop our staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SO4	Drive technology enabled care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences)</i>		
<b>Trust Risk Appetite</b>		Effective governance and decision making. Internal and external reputation,
<b>Legal and regulatory implications</b> <i>(including links to CQC outcomes, Monitor, inspections, audits, etc)</i>		Well led, and impending well-led review.
<b>Financial Implications</b>		None identified to date.
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>		These meetings play a key part in delivery of our equality and diversity commitments as a Trust, and our transparency.