

Council of Governors

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Report Title:	Lead Governor Election
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Executive summary

In September 2023 the Council agreed to extend Helen Rose in the role of Lead Governor pending a review of the Trust's Constitution. This review has now been completed with approval by the Council in December 2023 and the Trust's Board of Directors in January 2024.

In line with the requirements of the Constitution, the Council can appoint a Lead Governor.

The role and term of office

The role and responsibilities were aligned to the revised Constitution, and the most recent NHS Code of Governance 2022. Within the Council's Standing Orders, at paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5, the selection process is set out:

- This role is open to all governors including staff, public and appointees/partnership, but not the Chair.
- The duration of the appointment was amended from 12 months to three years, or the remainder of an individual's term of office.
- The post holder can serve a maximum of six years in the role.

The selection process

Under the Standing Orders of the Council of Governors, Governors were invited to select one of their number to serve as the Lead Governor. Two expressions of interest were received, from Helen Rose, Public Governor and existing Lead Governor, and Pride Mukungurutse, Staff Governor. A confidential ballot was held between 26 February and 5pm on Tuesday 5 March 2024.

Helen Rose is now confirmed as the Lead Governor until the end of her final term of office on 31 October 2025.

Action Required of the Council

The Council is invited to **confirm** Helen Rose in the role of Lead Governor until 31 October 2025.