

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

1. BACKGROUND

Governors will be aware that the Nominations Committee, acting on behalf of the Council of Governors, is responsible for the search for, selection, appointment of and even removal of the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors of the Trust, a key set of statutory powers of governors. Recommendations for appointments are brought to the full Council for endorsement.

2. CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Chairman

Governors will also be aware that in May 2011 the Chairman's term of office was reviewed and extended to a fifth year, ending in September 2012; and that the Nominations Committee has now commenced planning for a "market testing" for the Chairman post in 2012.

Non-Executive Director

The Nominations Committee has also received an application for reappointment from Professor Peter Baylis, Non-Executive Director and Senior Independent Director, whose current term of office is due to expire in January 2012. In common with other Non-Executive Directors seeking reappointment, the Executive Directors have been canvassed for their views, using a standard proforma; and the Nominations Committee will meet with Professor Baylis shortly to discuss his application for reappointment.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In consequence of the sad and untimely demise of Mrs Heather Abrahams, Public Governor, on Tuesday 6th September 2011, a vacancy arose on the Committee. In line with the Trust Constitution and past practice, nominations were sought from amongst the Public Governors for the place on the Committee. As three nominations were received by 23rd September 2011, a secret ballot of all Public Governors was held, closing on 7th October 2011. The successful candidate was Dr L N S Murthy.

4. RECOMMENDATION

To i) receive the briefing ii) note the current activities and iii) note the new member of the Committee.

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Trust Secretary
10th November 2011