

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

FUTURE OF THE NEWCASTLE HEALTHCARE CHARITY AND THE
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS CHARITY

1. INTRODUCTION

Governors will recall that a briefing paper was tabled at the May 2008 meeting, proposing that a working group of Governors, supported by appropriate Trust officers, be established to consider options for the future of the two charities relating to the Trust. Dr Goodship and Mrs Duckett volunteered to join the working group and a draft Constitution terms of reference are set out here for consideration and approval.

2. DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership

Minimum of two Governors, one of whom shall chair the working group

Term of office

Initial term of two years from the date of the first meeting of the working group. Thereafter to be renewed for a further term of two years, subject to secret ballot and open to all Public and Staff Governors to both stand and to vote

In attendance

Finance Accountant – charitable funds
Assistant Finance Director

Right of co-option

The working group shall have the right to co-opt other Governors, Trust officers and Trustees of the respective charities as necessary to the discharge of its responsibilities

Frequency of meetings

At the discretion of the Chairman of the working group

Terms of Reference

- i) To review the respective purposes of The Newcastle Healthcare Charity and The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity, with a view to identifying any scope for complementarity

- ii) To take soundings with the Trustees of the respective charities regarding the relationship of the charities to the Trust and to each other
- iii) In the context of Foundation Trust status, to consider options for the future management of the respective charities, including their configuration and membership of their Boards of Trustees
- iv) To make recommendations to the Council of Governors and the Board of Directors regarding the future management of the charities.

3. RECOMMENDATION

To review and endorse the Constitution and terms of reference for the working group.

Steven Reed
Trust Secretary
11th July 2008