

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

The next meeting of the Council of Governors will be held at **2-00pm on Thursday, 20th November 2008, in the Function Room, Education Centre, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.**

The Agenda is set out below.

Kingsley Smith
Chairman

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

Presentations

2. i) NHS Research & Development – Funding and Future Development

This item will be presented by Professor Alastair Burt, Dean of Clinical Medicine and Chairman of the Joint Research Executive; and Professor Tim Goodship, Director, Northumberland Tyne & Wear Comprehensive Local Research Network

- ii) Auditor's Report for 2007/08

This item will be presented by Ms Kelly Douglas and Mr Simon Clegg, PricewaterhouseCoopers (external auditors)

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2008 (attached)

4. **Matters Arising**

- i) Annual Health Check 2007/08 (paper attached A)
- ii) The "Darzi" Review – Final Report (paper to follow)
- iii) Equitable Access – update (paper attached C)
- iv) Top-up of Cancer Drugs (paper to follow)
- vi) Future of the Newcastle Healthcare Charity and The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity (oral report – Professor Goodship)

Statutory Business

5. Appointment of Non-Executive Directors – report from the Nominations Committee (oral report – Mrs Donnelly)

Governor Reports

6. Future Development of the Council of Governors:
 - i) progress report (oral report – Ms Harvey)
 - ii) Buddy system for new Governors (paper attached D)
7. Shared Decision Making – Research Proposal (paper attached E)
8. Governors' Questions and Items for the next Agenda
9. Governors' Visits:
 - i) food tasting, RVI Ward 17, 26th September (paper attached F)
 - ii) food tasting, Freeman Hospital Ward 12, 27th October (paper attached G)
 - iii) Radiology Department, RVI, 30th October (paper attached H)

For Discussion

10. Executive Report:
 - i) Current Issues (paper attached J)
 - ii) Infection Control (paper attached K)
 - iii) Progress and Current Issues in Transforming the Newcastle Hospitals (paper attached L)

Items to Receive

11. Emergency Patients Survey – findings (paper attached M)
12. Violence Against Staff – national report (paper attached N)
13. Nursing Quality Strategy (paper attached O)
14. ENT Services in Gateshead – Trust Response to Consultation (paper attached P)
15. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 2-00pm, Thursday 15th January 2009.