

THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

BUDDY SYSTEM FOR NEW GOVERNORS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Development Group report of March 2008 proposed that new Governors should be given the opportunity to have a “buddy”, whose role would be to advise on the activities of the Trust, effect introductions to other Governors and to Trust officers, guide their associate through the mechanisms of the Governors’ meetings and be a source of information and guidance as required.

2. GETTING GOING

Following the induction sessions for our ten newly elected and two newly appointed Governors, it is proposed that these Governors be offered a “buddy”. This could be achieved in several ways:

- Where a Governor has already formed an alliance with an established Governor, this could be recognised as a buddying arrangement
- A buddy could be assigned on the basis of the alignment of Governors to Executive Directors, matching Governors together from the same axis
- A buddy could be assigned based upon particular work areas, such as Infection Control.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that those Governors who would like to have a buddy make themselves known to the Trust Secretary or to Ms Sandy Harvey, Chair of the Development Group, expressing their preference for a method of assignment.

Steven Reed
Trust Secretary
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