

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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Paper Title: Care Trust Integrated Governance Guide
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Executive Summary:

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Council of Governors on work that is underway in the Trust to further strengthen existing governance arrangements. Following the last Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection that took place March 2019, and the external Well-Led Review undertaken by Deloitte, a commitment was made by the Trust to strengthen existing governance arrangements. The Trust is committed to good standards of practice that are upheld by good governance, and the facilitation of ward to Board communication.

A review of existing arrangements took place, alongside a benchmarking of good practice exercise. The findings from both exercises culminated in an action to create a integrated governance guide to support staff, managers, the Board of Directors, and the Council of Governors in the understanding, and where applicable, the application of the Trust's governance arrangements. Entitled the Care Trust Integrated Governance Guide, it describes a framework that fosters and embeds a culture of excellence in clinical practice to enable the delivery of safe and high-quality care to service users.

A few copies of the draft Care Trust Integrated Governance Guide will be available for governors at the meeting, with plans to share the final version with governors in due course.

Recommendations:

The Council of Governors is asked to:

- note the update report on the review of the Trust's systems of integrated governance, which will be considered by the Board at its meeting on the 25 July 2019;
- be assured on the steps taken and the plans in place to facilitate the review;
- support the production and ongoing engagement plan of the Care Trust Integrated Governance Guide.