

TRUST CONSTITUTION

Introduction

As an NHS Foundation Trust, Kent Community Health has a Council of Governors comprising of Elected and Appointed Governors. The Governors collectively represent the views and interests of our Trust members, members of the public, staff, and our partner organisations.

The Trust has recently reviewed the organisations that we would like to be represented on our Council.

Process

The Trust was established with seven Appointed Governors in the Council. These are four Kent County Council (KCC) Governors and three partnership Governors;

- One representative from the Kent Universities
- One representative from Kent CAN
- One representative from Kent Police

The Trust has been unable to secure nominations from Kent County Council for any position other than the Public Health representative and the Kent Police position has been vacant for some time.

The Council was asked to consider the organisations who were invited to nominate an Appointed Governor. The existing Appointed Governors undertook a review, recommending a long list of potential organisations. This long list was considered by the Executive and a proposal was brought back to the Council Meeting in August for approval.

Proposed Changes

The Trust works closely with a large number of stakeholders whose experience and input would undoubtedly benefit the organisation. The Council and the Executive fully support retaining three current Nominating Organisations, and choosing four other partner organisations to be represented on the Council.

The final organisations we would like represented on the Board of Governors are:

- Kent Association of Head Teachers
- Kent Fire and Rescue
- Age UK
- Medway Council

Recommendation

The Annual Members Meeting is asked to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution.