

Report to the Trust Council of Governors: 4 November 2015

Title	Appendix 6.1 Governor Working Group – Volunteering and Education
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Report Purpose	For information

This report summarises the items discussed at the last meeting of the Governor Working Group for Volunteering and Education, held on 6 October 2015.

The purpose of the group is to monitor, promote, develop and support the Volunteer Programme, Work Experience and Education Liaison and relevant workforce issues.

Mrs Hedley will provide an update on changes in the group.

Volunteering

To date, there are 579 active volunteers; 379 under 25 years of age and 200 over 25 years of age.

Meal Time Assistance

The next Meal Time Assistance volunteer training session is taking place on 26 November. Two new Meal Time Assistance Volunteers have started in Ripon Community Hospital.

New opportunities

New Admin Volunteers have been placed in the following areas: Admissions Office, Research Team, the Delivery Suite, Maxio-facial reception, the Speech & Language Team, and a volunteer to assist in a pilot scheme with the Neurology Physiotherapists. There are two new Activity Volunteers on Jervaulx, and 13 young Tea Time Preparation Volunteers helping on four wards. A volunteer is helping in admin at Northallerton.

Volunteers also give their time to help run the Medicine for Members events; others have helped in carrying out surveys, and in collating the Junior Doctors' Induction handbooks.

All Governors are welcome to the Volunteers' Tea Party on Friday 18 December in Herriot's Restaurant at 3.00 pm.

Education Liaison & Work Experience

The Corporate Secretarial team has already made contact with local schools and is in the process of arranging a full programme of events including: 'Living Library' talks, preparing for medical school talks, careers events, and medical mock interviews. A visit is planned for students from Boroughbridge High School as part of their GCSE course work for Health & Social Care, covering several departments.

The Work Experience team has confirmed allocations for 2016, up by 10%, and so far five consultants have agreed to placements in their department.

The GWG has every confidence in the team and are delighted with their achievements since taking over in August. The Group was given a presentation on Widening Participation by Jan Chaplin and as a result we are hoping for a growing apprenticeship strategy within the Trust.

I should like to thank Rev. Dr Mervyn Willshaw for his excellent chairmanship of this group for three years; we shall miss his wisdom and wish him well. We are grateful for the addition to the Group of Non-Executive Director, Mr Neil McLean who has volunteered to bring his experience in education to us.