

**Report to the Trust Council of Governors: 29 July 2015**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Appendix 5.2 Governor Working Group – Membership Development and Communications</b>
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<b>Report Purpose</b>	<b>For information</b>

**This report summarises the items discussed at the last meeting of the Governor Working Group for Membership Development and Communications, held on 29 June 2015.**

**The purpose of the group is to oversee the delivery of the Foundation Trust's Membership Development Strategy including membership recruitment and engagement.**

**Ms Allen will highlight the forthcoming Annual Members' Meeting.**

## Membership Engagement Activities

Information about the Lay Reader Panel, Patient Voice Group, First Aid Awareness Course, and Dementia Friend sessions have been brought to Members' attention. We will continue to provide quality membership engagement activities and encourage Members to participate.

## Medicine for Members

Attendees' feedback was positive for the recent Medicine for Members event 'Transforming Health and Social Care for local people in Harrogate and District' presented by Chief Executive, Dr Ros Tolcher on 18 and 19 May. Members will be encouraged to use the online booking registration platform "Eventbrite" in addition to the options of calling or emailing the Foundation Trust Office to book a place.

## Annual Members' Meeting

The meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 September 2015 at the Pavilions of Harrogate from 6 – 8 pm. The event will be held in "cabaret style" to encourage active engagement and participation of the attendees at the event.

It is very important that Governors attend so that each table can have at least one Governor to act as host.

## Open Event

The Open Event will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2015 from 3:30 – 7 pm. Angie Colvin will create a rota for Governors to attend and staff the Governors' stand.

## Elections

There are six seats for the upcoming election:

- 2 Public Governor seats for Harrogate and surrounding villages
- 1 Public Governor seat for Knaresborough and East District
- 1 Staff Governor seat – Medical Practitioners
- 1 Staff Governor seat – Other Clinical
- 1 Staff Governor seat – Non-Clinical

The elected Governors will be in post by 1 January 2016. Electronic voting will be offered and will run in parallel to postal voting on this first occasion.