

**Council of Governors Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
Summary Report**

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Item 10a

<b>TITLE OF PAPER</b>	Feedback from Governors
<b>TO BE PRESENTED BY</b>	Professor Alan Walker, Chair
<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	None, for information

<b>OUTCOME</b>	Governors will be made aware of what governors are involved with and how they are representing the Council
<b>TIMETABLE FOR DECISION</b>	n/a
<b>LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS / DECISIONS</b>	n/a
<b>LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS BAF, RISK, OUTCOMES ETC</b>	<p>Constitution and Council of Governor Standing orders – requirement for governors to represent members</p> <p>HSE ■ MH Act ■ Equality ■</p> <p>NHS Constitution: Staff Rights ■ Patients' Rights ■ Public's Rights ■ Principles ■ Values ■</p>
<b>IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>	n/a
<b>CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES</b>	n/a

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<b>Designation</b>	Membership Manager
<b>Date of Report</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014





Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Dorothy Cook
Governor Constituency:	Public South East
Feedback from:	International Women's Day Celebration at Verdon Street Community Centre, Burngreave
<p>Details:</p> <p>This was a very busy day with stalls in 2 rooms, some selling local produce, others giving information about local groups. As NHS governors we were able to talk to and recruit many black and ethnic minority women to become members. During the day there were talks and demonstrations by women living in that area explaining how they had overcome their difficulties and been empowered by the local community. The hospitality was first rate with drinks and fruit freely available and a hot meal at lunch time.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc Information only.
Timescale for action:	None
<p>Signed: Dorothy Cook ..... Date: 27 March 2014</p>	

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From:	Elaine Hall
Governor Constituency:	Staff: Allied Health Professionals
Feedback from:	Event at RHH recruit Members
<p>Details:</p> <p>I attended an event at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital to recruit members to the Trust. The governors were based in the out patients departments and together with STH governors, we successfully recruited over 40 new members.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Information
Timescale for action:	None
Signed: Elaine Hall	Date: 24 March 2014

Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Ian Downing
Governor Constituency:	Carer
Feedback from:	Mental Health Partnership Board February 2014
<p>Details:</p> <p>The agenda included a report on Social Cafés by Jo Henderson of the City Council and Rob Lawson of Sheffield Mind. There are three cafés used by 330 people. They are based at St Marys, Soar and Manor Castle. A member explained that he was made welcome and attending the café gave him confidence.</p> <p>Joe Fowler presented an update on the Sheffield City Council budget for 2014 and explained about reduced funding and proposals for consideration for 2014.</p> <p>Tim Furness gave an update on the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc  For info only
Timescale for action:	n/a
Signed: Ian Downing ..... Date: 24 March 2014	



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From:	Jules Jones
Governor Constituency:	Public South East
Feedback from:	Major Incident Response Training
<p><b>Details:</b></p> <p>I attended the Major Incident Response training exercise in Sheffield Town Hall on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March. This is an all-day event in the town hall. The town hall is the main evacuation centre for Sheffield in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>The day involves members of the public, emergency services (NHS, police etc) and Sheffield Council staff.</p> <p><u>Background to Major incident response training:</u> The aim is to give emergency and council staff the opportunity to practice their responses to a disaster. The major incident response was first set up after the Hillsborough disaster.</p> <p><u>Organisation of the day:</u> Members of the public (including myself) were given bare-bones scenarios to act out. In the morning we were ‘evacuees’ and in the afternoon we were ‘friends/family’ looking for news of missing loved ones. I elaborated on my allotted scenario slightly. I used the ‘Autism Alert’ card that I carry in my bag (I am a carer for two people with Autism). When it was my turn I presented the ‘Autism Alert’ card, and I pointed out the information about Autism that it contains. I said nothing. I avoided all eye contact and I avoided physical touch (these are all traits that I have commonly observed in people who I know that have Autism and Aspergers syndrome). Can you imagine how the emergency workers responded?</p> <p>I was surprised when workers automatically assumed that I could not write. They slowed their voices, as if talking to a toddler. Eye contact was made on repeated occasions. I received several ‘reassuring’ arms around the shoulders. When the police officer asked me if I knew which car that my ‘loved one’ had been driving and I simply answered “yes” I could see how exasperated he looked.</p> <p>This was a learning exercise. I am glad that I took part and was able to give feedback at the end. I hope that the major incident response team looks more closely at the needs of people with disabilities.</p> <p>I would recommend volunteering to take part in future events to other governors. You would need to contact Sheffield council’s main switchboard and ask to be given the details of the Major incident response training team.</p> <p>I would also like to suggest that SHSC consider sending staff to take part in the training. STH were the only NHS trust involved. My examples with the ‘Autism Alert’ card show that some brushing up seems to be required.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc Board and Governors to note
Timescale for action:	n/a
Signed: Jules Jones.....	Date: 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014



Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Sue Roe
Governor Constituency:	Carer Governor
Feedback from:	Meetings Attended March 2014
<p>Details:</p> <p>On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March I attended a meeting at Norfolk Lodge about the Adult Social Care Budget for 2014/2015. The presentation was prepared by one council officer but delivered by another officer who was thrown in at the deep end. The parent/carers were very upset and angry. The main complaints were about carer assessments not being carried out causing families into crisis; reviews being carried out on personal budgets by Skylake with the attitude of the staff being very rude and not taking into consideration the needs of the person's disability and making inappropriate and inadequate decisions. Carers complained of being undervalued and ignored, which the response was "We value carers for the care they give" to which a carer shouted "rubbish".</p> <p>The bus pass issue was also brought up, but this needs to be discussed with SYPT. When this 9.30 am ruling comes into force it will have devastating effects on people with learning/physical disabilities. Although the meeting was very well attended when people left they felt they were not listened to.</p> <p>Sheffield Parent Carer Forum had their conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Bramall Lane, on Special Educational Needs Reforms. It included presentations and workshops on legal Issues, person centered planning and outcomes.</p> <p>In April I am taking part in a training session on 'parenting and caring for children and adults with Autism and Aspergers' at HSBC. It will possibly have national coverage via webex and telephone links to all branches of the bank.</p>	
Action to be taken:	For information
Timescale for action:	
Signed: Sue Roe ..... Date: 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.....	