

**Council of Governors Meeting
8th April 2014
Summary Report**

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Item 12a

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

OUTCOME	Governors will be made aware of what governors are involved with and how they are representing the Council
TIMETABLE FOR DECISION	n/a
LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS / DECISIONS	n/a
LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS BAF, RISK, OUTCOMES ETC	<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>
IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT	n/a
CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES	n/a

Author of Report	Sam Stoddart
Designation	Membership Manager
Date of Report	26 th June 2014



Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Dorothy Cook
Governor Constituency:	Public South East
Feedback from:	SHSC Board meeting 7 May 2014
<p>I forwarded a question in the guise of a request, if I am honest;</p> <p>From the Government paper “Preventing Suicide in England, one year on” [Jan 2014], which Sam had forwarded to us I realised that it seems as if everybody believes prevention is someone else’s business. So I urged the board to be proactive and attempt to ensure that the different agencies and disciplines listed in the paper are working together and keeping the communication lines open so that the general public is aware that Sheffield has a strategy seeking to address this devastating problem.</p> <p>It took me several months to read the paper because it is pretty gruesome reading and I kept putting it down and then forgetting to pick it up again. The people affected by suicide are not so fortunate. My request to you is that you support me in this campaign and ask the people with influence wherever you meet them, what they are doing about it.</p> <p>From the above paper’s introduction;</p> <p><i>“By 2007 suicide had fallen to the lowest rate in 150 years and there had been a marked fall in suicide in young men. Suicide in mental health inpatients had almost halved since 1997 and deaths had also fallen among prisoners----- Sadly, since 2007 we have seen signs that the suicide rate has risen in England, as it has in many other countries”.</i></p>	
Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc. Please make your request to Sam or myself.
Timescale for action:	Before December 2014
Signed: Dorothy Cook	Date: 9 May 2014

Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Dorothy Cook
Governor Constituency:	Public South East
Feedback from:	Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board's meeting to examine health inequalities.
<p>At this event there were 14 discussion tables and participants were able to choose 2 topics from the list. There were several other governors and we managed to spread ourselves out to avoid duplicating. My first table was examining facilities for new migrants in Sheffield. I expected to hear about a scheme to help people moving from underdeveloped cultures to the very sophisticated life here in England, but I was disappointed. We heard that GP's spend a very large part of their time sorting social problems, not medical matters, obviously a waste of costly resources.</p> <p>At the 2nd discussion we were looking at services for people with Dementia, which are very different depending on the location in Sheffield and each person's existing general health. So again, much work to be done.</p> <p>Following from that oversubscribed date, Healthwatch Sheffield have arranged another discussion forum, with Dr Jeremy Wright, Sheffield's Director of Public Health, on 17 June 2.30 -4.30pm at the Circle Rockingham Lane S1 4BW. I attended this and the comments there mirrored those from 29 May, but it was good to meet others too. I met Sandra Clarkson who is Macmillan Development Manager for E Midlands and N England. She tells me they are wishing to consider the wellbeing of the whole person, not just cancer. I wonder do they have a role to play as stakeholders?</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: 29 May 2014</p>	

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From:	Elaine Hall
Governor Constituency:	AHP staff governor
Feedback from:	Health and well being consultation St Mary's Church
<p>Details:</p> <p>The Sheffield Health and Wellbeing event was held at St Mary's church on the 29th May 2014.</p> <p>The Health and wellbeing board were consulting with the general public on the health and wellbeing issues for Sheffield.</p> <p>A presentation from Public Health initially outlined some of the health issues for the people of Sheffield. Following that there were 2 rounds of table consultations facilitated by public health members and the health and wellbeing board members who asked specific questions related to different topics.</p>	
Action to be taken:	For information
Timescale for action:	n/a
Signed: Elaine Hall Date: 9 6 14.....	

Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Myra Wilson
Governor Constituency:	Service User
Feedback from:	Thornsett Road Focus Group
<p>On Monday, 7th April this Focus Group was held at The Showroom in town. Some people who had used Thornsett Road were invited and a few came to give their views. As there were fewer people than expected we decided to stay in one group to get the feedback.</p> <p>The leaders were Prof Tim Kendall (Medical Director), myself and a member of staff from Rethink.</p> <p>The main points that came out were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -More activities in the house would be helpful eg gym equipment. -There was concern over the discharge process. People felt they were left in limbo and not always picked up well with the Home Treatment Team. -Some people felt that the length of stay was too short. They were just coming round when they were discharged and sometimes had to go back in again. <p>In response to this it might be helpful to look at length of stay against re-admission rates.</p> <p>We have a Governance Meeting on 19th May to discuss some of this. Prof Tim Kendall will also take it to our Trust Board for discussion.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Governors to be aware of what's happening at Thornsett Road.
Timescale for action:	n/a
<p>Signed: Myra Wilson..... Date: 15th April, 2014.....</p>	

Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Myra Wilson
Governor Constituency:	Service User
Feedback from:	Service User Safety Group
<p>Urgent : Service User Governors needed to join this group</p> <p>I'm standing down as a governor at the end of June and we need at least 1 (preferably 2) service user governor(s) to replace me. Sam has recently sent round my description of what we do.</p> <p>As a group we are pursuing the question of taking photos of service users on wards that I mentioned in my last governors report. A paper has been sent to the Executive Directors Group and they have given a general agreement for it to be developed.</p> <p>A group is now being set up to work out the details and I will be part of that group. I want to ensure that patients have the right to make an informed decision to refuse to have their picture taken whether they are informal patients or detained under a section of the mental health act.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Service User Governors to join this group
Timescale for action:	As soon as possible
<p>Signed: Myra Wilson..... Date: 18th June, 2014.....</p>	

Report to the Council of Governors	
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From:	Nev Wheeler OBE
Governor Constituency:	Service User
Feedback from:	New Connections
<p>Details:</p> <p>‘New Connections’ – A vision for arts and health in Sheffield</p> <p>I am a great believer in ‘a healthy mind and a healthy body’ being an integral part of the recovery process and beyond. Therefore, I was very pleased to have been asked to take part in this event which was held at St Mary’s on Bramall Lane – an idea venue for a conference.</p> <p>Proceedings were in the capable hands of Professor Brendan Stone, together with other members of Sheffield University. Other members of the conference came from across the city and also from further afield. I was interested in the concept of a city-wide festival. A lot of enthusiasm was generated by this group and some excellent ideas put forward. This would take a lot of planning, but would be well worth it.</p>	
Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc To be updated
Timescale for action:	n/a
<p>Signed: Nev Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date: 11th June 2014</p>	

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From:	Sylvia Hartley
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Governor Constituency:	Public North West
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Feedback from:	Various
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Details:

During May, consequent to my election, I attended a Corporate Welcome, a Governor’s Induction and the Trust Board meeting which took place on 8th May. I also attended the governor training session on 16th June regarding understanding the Trust’s accounts. It is my intention to attend the Wellbeing Festival on 18th July and the GovernWell governor training on 22nd July.

Because of commitments arranged prior to my election and a recent deterioration in my mother’s health, I have been unable to attend as many meetings or events as I might have wished. But that does not mean I have not been busy in my governor role.

I empathise with the four negative outcomes of the Right First Time project reported in the June letter from the Chief Executive. Each of those is part of my front-line experience in my mother’s case! NOT within this Trust (my mother lives in Lancashire). I suspect my experience is not uncommon, and this experience may inform my role as a governor throughout my term of office. When I saw the four bullet points, I was glad the Trust had been able to identify them so succinctly. I hope my personal experience will contribute to their resolution.

I have been busy distributing membership forms and establishing links in the community, and have been surprised how many in the in the Crosspool area know nothing about SHSC. I am working hard to remedy this, and trying to recruit new members locally. How many contact will translate into new members is only part of the story – at least ALL my contacts will know we exist.

I have linked up to the Crosspool Forum Group, and through that initiative have made local community contacts. Organisers of this local group have expressed an interest in hearing more about SHSC in one of the regular meetings, and looking to the future, maybe a stall at the 2015 Crosspool Festival could be organized. This takes place each year at the end of June. I would like to liaise with Sam Stoddart about these ideas.

Sadly, I missed the last meeting of the INVOLVE editorial group, but want to be involved with this , as Involve is an important link to the community we serve.

Action to be taken:	Please state what is required of governors, ie provide feedback etc Non – for information
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Timescale for action:	n/a
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