

Meeting:	Council of Governors			
Date of Meeting:	26 July 2018			
Report Title:	Chair's Briefing			
Status: (tick one box)	Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Approval <input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory <input type="checkbox"/>
Classification	NHS Confidential	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lead Director	n/a			
Report Author	Andrew Gold, Chair			
Appendices	None			
Links to strategic objectives	Board Assurance Framework Reference and description			
Links to corporate risks	Corporate Risk Register Reference and description			

Purpose of the Report
To inform the Council of Governors of the Chair's activities.

Key points for discussion
<p>Since the last Board meeting, key activity has focussed on a range of matters involving colleagues.</p> <p>First, recognising the role the Council of Governors have in a Foundation Trust's governance framework, as Chair of Governors I held individual introductory meetings with each of the 3 new Governors (1 public; 1 staff and 1 stakeholder) appointed following elections held in May. In addition a workshop was held for all Governors to get their feedback on their current activity as well as the Trust's proposed Involvement and Engagement strategy in order to determine how best to support the Governors deliver on their key duties. Finally at the Governors' Network meeting earlier this month, the NED Chair of AGH Solutions Ltd (AGHS) attended to update the Governors on the activity of AGHS since it commenced trading in March 2018 and answer any questions the Governors had, given their remit of holding NEDs to account.</p> <p>A Board strategy day was held earlier this month. It focussed on the Board's preparation for a forthcoming CQC inspection that would comprise well-led, use of resources and core service inspections.</p> <p>Meeting the Trust's Freedom to Speak Up Guardian earlier this month to get their views on how the Trust had embraced that, both in the letter and the principles behind what that involves, was valuable. Given the Board's full support of this, they are to receive an update from the Trust's Freedom to Speak Up Guardian at the September Board meeting. That will enable assessment of the Trust's progress in its desire to have an open and honest culture where all colleagues feel they have a voice and are treated with dignity and respect at all times.</p> <p>This month I also attended a Disability Focus Group and an EcoawAire meeting. These forums, involving colleagues from wide ranging parts of the Trust, continue to be full of enthusiasm, ideas and a passion to make a difference in helping the Trust progress to meeting new regulations as well as a great place to be.</p> <p>In all interaction a 'can do', supportive attitude is always visible. That epitomises what Airedale strives for.</p>

Recommendation
The Council of Governors is asked to receive and note the Chair's briefing.