

**Trust Constitution - Council of Governors**

<b>Council of Governors</b>	<b>Item: 12</b>
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b> To note the impact of CCG mergers on Council membership.	
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<b>Recommendations:</b>  The Council of Governors is asked to note the impact of CCG mergers on Council membership and to comment on the content of this report.	

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The composition of the Council of Governors is specified in the Trust's Constitution and the current position is as set out below. Note that the number of Public Governors is required to be more than half the total membership of the Council of Governors.

<p><b>Public = 17 (Elected)</b></p> <p>Kingston - 7                  Richmond - 4                  Elmbridge - 2                  Wandsworth (part) -1                  Merton - 1                  Sutton -1                  Rest of Surrey and Greater London - 1</p>	<p><b>Staff = 4 (Elected)</b></p> <p>Medical and Dental Practitioners                  Nursing and Midwifery                  Allied Health Professionals and Clinical Support Staff                  Management, Administrative and Support Staff (including Contractors)</p>
	<p><b>Appointed = 11</b></p> <p>Kingston CCG - 1                  Richmond CCG - 1                  Surrey CCG- 1                  A governor appointed jointly by Wandsworth, Merton and Sutton CCGs- 1</p> <p>Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames - 2                  London Borough of Richmond upon Thames - 1                  Elmbridge Borough Council - 1                  London Borough of Wandsworth - 1                  A governor appointed jointly by the London Borough of Sutton and the London Borough of Merton Constituency Classes - 1                  Kingston University – 1</p>
<p><b>Total 17</b></p>	<p><b>Total 15</b></p>

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the six Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in SW London (the CCGs for Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth) will formally merge to become one organisation. At that point the nominating bodies for three of our four CCG appointed members cease to exist and the Trust's Constitution will need to change to reflect this. Following discussion with the governance lead for the emerging SW London CCG, it is likely that they will wish to nominate two governor representatives. This will reduce the total number of appointed governors to 10.

Feedback from governors in the recent survey conducted by NHS Providers on the effectiveness of the Council of Governors was that the size of the Council may be too large for it to be cohesive. If the total number of staff and appointed governors is to reduce to 14 with the CCG merger, it would be permissible to reduce the number of public governors to 15 whilst still maintaining the required proportions. The Council of Governors is therefore invited to comment on whether a reduction in overall numbers of members would be helpful, and if so how that reduction might best be achieved.

Under the current Constitution the following constituencies will have vacancies in the Autumn:

Kingston (3)  
Richmond (2)  
Elmbridge (1)  
Wandsworth (1)  
Merton (1)  
Sutton (1)  
Rest of Surrey and Greater London (1)

The latest data (February 2020) for foundation trust membership by constituency is shown below.

<b>Analysis by Constituency</b>	<b>Foundation Trust Members</b>	<b>Eligible Population</b>	<b>Number of Public Governors</b>
Kingston	2,999	179,255	7
Richmond	1,353	199,124	4
Elmbridge	833	137,888	2
Wandsworth (part)	302	147,498	1
Merton	435	109,722	1
Sutton	137	46,528	1
Rest of Surrey/Gr London	802	9,390,291	1
Out of Area/Not Categorised	187	N/A	N/A

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