

2nd March 2011

Special Members Meeting
Approval of WWLNHSFT CONSTITUTION

Helen Hand
Board Secretary

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KEY CHANGES - Membership

- Definitions improved and brought to the front of the document
- Title changed to “Council” of Governors)
- Added power to change arrangements for members meetings in consultation with COG
- Clarity on membership eligibility (public/staff)

Additional exclusion clauses:

Governors: Vexatious complainant

Directors: Not suitable following disclosure obtained through CRB as deemed by Director of HR

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Key changes Removal Chair/NED

- Written notice, counter signed by not less than 10 Governors of which 5 must be public and 1 appointed.
- NED given 21 days to provide written response and be invited to attend the COG meeting.

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Key Changes – Meetings of COG

- 10 Governors can call a meeting, of which at least must be 5 public & 1 Appt.
- Quorum to remain at 12 of which the majority must be public members.
- Notice of meetings in newspapers removed and member participation in COG meetings via telephone/audio link removed.

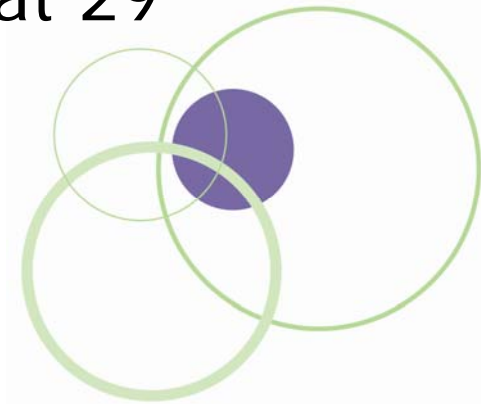
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Proposal for revised composition of COG

- Wigan/Leigh/Makerfield/Rest of E&W all to have 4 Governors
- Increase “all other staff” to 2 Governors
- Reduce Appointed Governors by 1 to 8 (removing the CVS)
- Change PCT appointment to 1 and increase MBC appointment to 2
- Retain total number of Governors at 29

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Recommendation

Monitor's legal team have now reviewed the proposed changes in principle and are content that they are consistent with the 2006 Act. As such the proposed amendments can be put forward to the members for final approval.

Governors and members are requested to accept and approve the proposed amendments to the constitution.

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