

EAST KENT HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

REPORT TO: **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS – 9 MAY 2014**

SUBJECT: **LEAD GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCESS**

REPORT FROM: **TRUST SECRETARY**

PURPOSE: **Information**

CONTEXT / REVIEW HISTORY**Role of the Lead Governor (taken from the EKHUNHS FT Guidance on the Statutory Duties of Governors):**

- The Lead Governor will liaise between Monitor and the CoG where Monitor has concerns about the leadership of the Trust or in circumstances where it would be inappropriate for the Chair to contact Monitor or vice versa
- Monitor does not intend the Lead Governor to “lead” the CoG or assume greater power or responsibility than other Governors
- Monitor’s only requirement is that the Lead Governor act as a point of contact between Monitor and the CoG when needed
- The presence of a Lead Governor does not, in itself, prevent any other Governor making contact with Monitor directly if they feel this is necessary.

The Council of Governors had previously agreed to undertake an annual review of the position of Lead Governor of the Council of Governors.

Ken Rogers has held this position since July 2011 (being re-elected in 2012 and again in 2013).

The paper outlines the timeline for this year’s review.

SUMMARY OF KEY MESSAGES FROM THE REPORT:

Self Nominations to SarahSwindell@nhs.net no later than 30 May 2014.

Voting slips will be circulated to Governors on 2 June 2014, with a closing date of Friday 13 June 2014.

A review of responses will be undertaken week beginning 16 June 2014 and the candidate with the majority of votes will be contacted by telephone. In the event of a tie there will be a further vote between the tied candidates.

The result will be formally announced and endorsed at the 7 July 2014 Council of Governors meeting.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR’ ACTION REQUIRED:

The Council of Governors are asked to note the above timeline.