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Report from the Council of Governors

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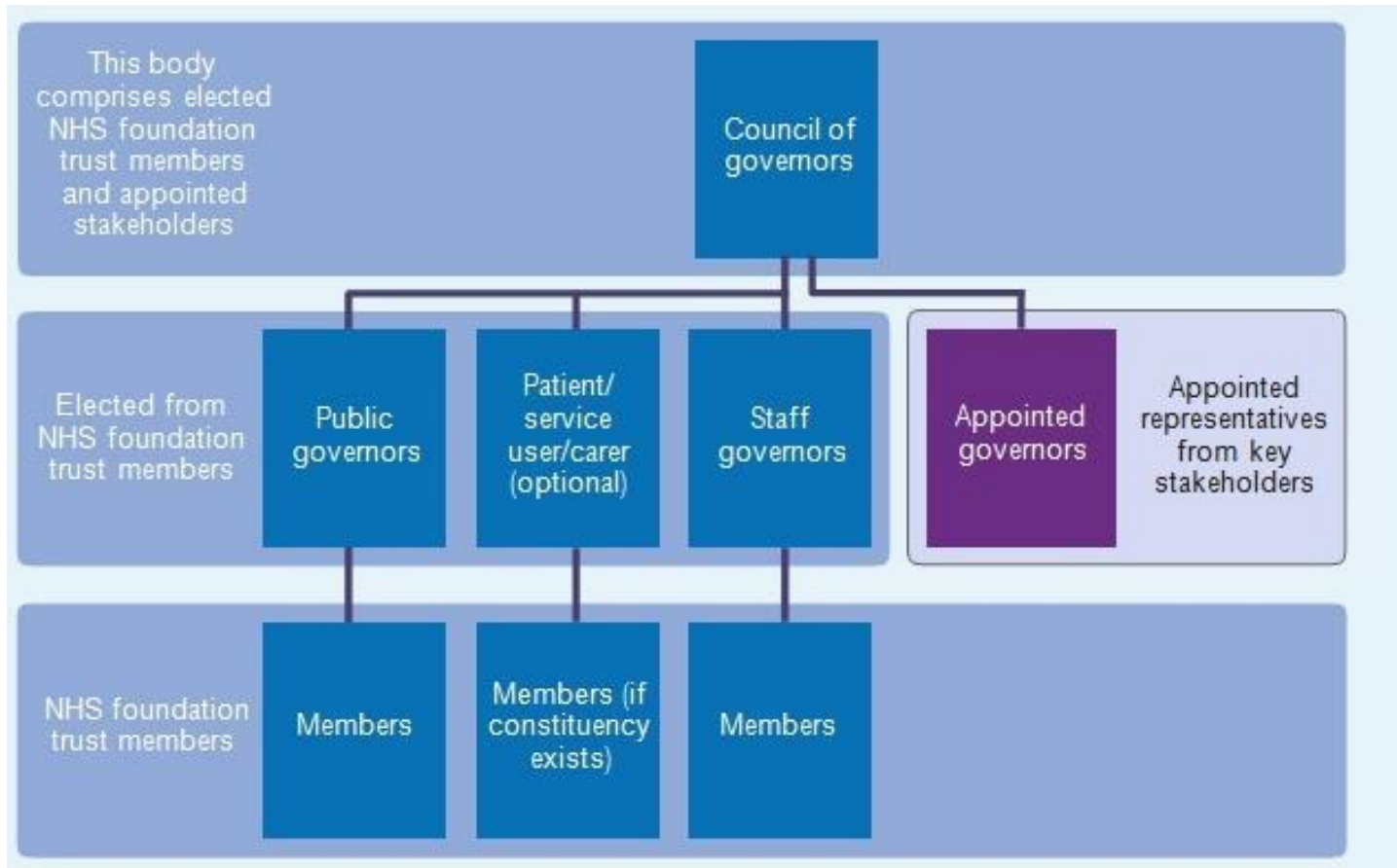


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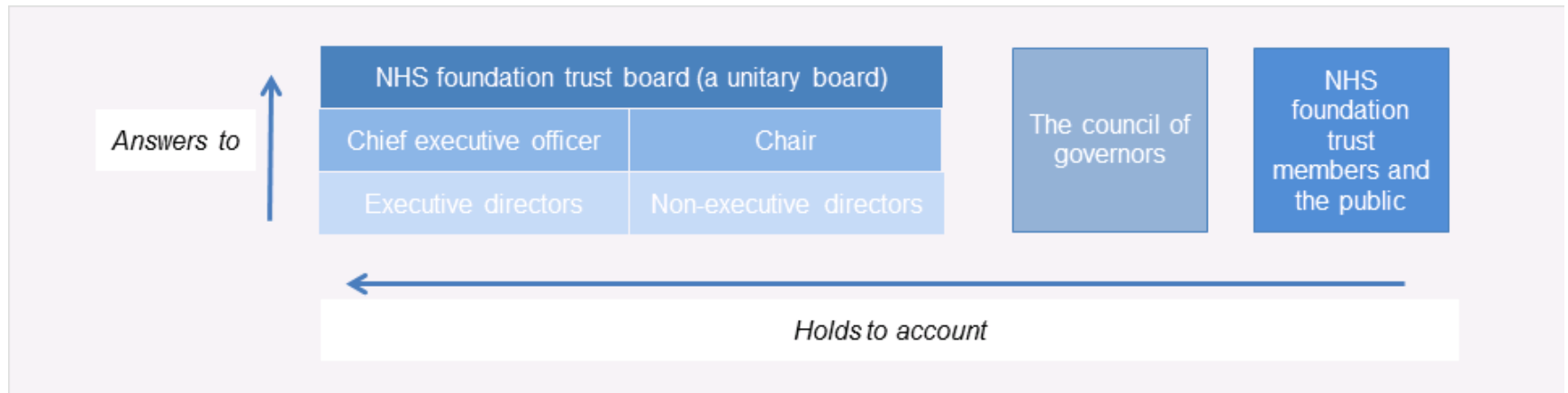


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Trust Accountability



Governor Roles & Responsibilities

- Health and Social Care Act 2012 assigns new roles and responsibilities to Governors
- Holding Non-Executives to account for performance of Board
- Approving certain business transactions
- Determining whether non-NHS work interferes with Trust's principal purpose, and approving any proposal for significant increase in non-NHS income
- Approving amendments to Trust Constitution
- Representing interests of Trust membership and wider public



Governor Roles & Responsibilities

- Build on or amend previous responsibilities
- Appointing (and if appropriate removing) Trust Chair and Non-Executive Directors, and determining their pay and allowances
- Approving appointment of Chief Executive
- Approving (and if appropriate removing) Trust's External Auditors
- Receiving annual accounts, auditor reports on them, and annual report
- Governors and Trust Board agreeing detail of how these roles and responsibilities are delivered in practice



Governor Engagement with Members

- *Your Hospital* newsletter published twice a year
- Dedicated membership and Governor pages on Trust website, with ability to email Governors
- Pages now include regular surveys and will provide feedback on actions taken by Governors
- Monthly *Meet The Governor* events covering all hospital sites
- Governors attend Trust health roadshows (third series in Autumn)
- Governors attend other hospital functions and speak to outside groups
- Membership and public engagement is key responsibility – and membership feedback is vital!



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Questions



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