

Governors Council

Report of:	Foundation & Communications Manager
Title:	Temporary Stand down of 'Appointed' Governors
Date:	16 th May 2008
Action:	For attention

Summary

There are currently 3 vacancies in the public constituency, with resignations in year from Russell Allen, Colin Denny, and from 1st April 2008, Victoria Mason.

In line with the Trust's Constitution, 3 appointed governors have been required to stand down temporarily until the Council returns to full strength. We expect them to return once the elections have been completed. The Governors concerned will continue to receive any Council communications in the intervening period.

The specific provision of the Constitution is attached for the Council's attention.

Recommendation

The Governors Council is asked to note this action to ensure the Trust remains compliant with the Constitution.

Extract of Trust Constitution – July 2006

- 8.2 The Governors Council of the Trust is to include-
- (a) 17 public governors.
 - (b) 7 staff governors.
 - (c) 2 PCT governors.
 - (d) 2 local authority governors.
 - (e) 1 University governor.
 - (f) 4 other partnership governors.
- 8.2.1 The aggregate number of members of public governors is to be more than half the total membership of the Council.
- 8.2.2 Where for any reason the aggregate number of public governors falls to the same number or below the number of the other governors then the appointed governors shall temporarily stand down in the following order, until there is a majority of public governors:
- (a) firstly, the most recently appointed PCT governor;
 - (b) secondly, the most recently appointed local authority governor; and
 - (c) thirdly, the most recently appointed partnership governor.
- 8.2.3 Where members of the same class of appointed governor are of equal seniority by appointment, and one of them is required to stand down temporarily under the procedure at Paragraph 8.2.2 above, then they may agree between themselves which of them is to stand down, and in default the Chairman of the Trust shall decide.