

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	6
Date of Meeting:	6 March 2024		

Title of Report:	Governor Log of Assurance Questions and Responses
Status:	For Information
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1. Executive Summary of the Report
<p>This report provides the Board of Directors with an update on all questions on the “Governors’ log of assurance questions” and subsequent responses. The Governors’ log of assurance questions is a means of tracking the communication between the Governors and the Non-Executive Directors (NEDs). Governors are required to hold the NEDs to account for the performance of the Board and this is one way of demonstrating this.</p> <p>One new question (FEB24) was raised after the last report was presented in January 2024. The question was agreed at the Membership and Outreach Working Group on 20 February 2024 and sent to the Non-Executive Directors on 26 February for response. It has been requested that this is drafted in time to circulate with the Council of Governors papers ahead of the next meeting on 14 March 2024.</p>

2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)
The report is presented for information.

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications
None

4. Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board Assurance Framework etc.)
There are no risks on the risk register.

5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
There are no resource or financial implications.

6. Equality and Diversity
All Governors no matter their background can input into the NED questions.

7. References to previous reports
January 2024.

8. Freedom of Information
Public

9. Sustainability
Governors have asked questions on various topics including sustainability.

10. Digital
Governors have asked questions on various topics including digital.

Appendix 1: Governor Log of Assurance Questions

Date:	20 February 2024
Source Channel	Email Sent to the Membership Inbox / Membership and Outreach Working Group
Date Sent & Responder	Sent to NEDs on 27 February 2024
Question and ID	FEB 24- Have the NEDs received assurance and reassurance that the Trust is working closely with the ICS, and in particular BaNES Council, to address the discharge of patients from hospital to more appropriate community settings?
Process / Action	Sent to NEDs on 27 February 2024. Response to be circulated with the Council of Governors papers for the meeting on 14 March 2024.
Answer	
Closed?	Open. To be considered at the Council of Governors meeting on 14 March 2024.