

Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 28 th September 2011

Title: Draft Foundation Trust Membership Development Strategy
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Executive Summary: In preparation for the Trust's public consultation on applying to become a Foundation Trust, the board needs to agree a draft membership development strategy.
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The attached document builds on the membership development strategy that formed part of the Whittington Hospital's application in 2008. As we have maintained a membership database and kept in touch with members we may use this as a foundation for our new FT membership. We do, however, have to ask all existing members of the trust to reaffirm their wish to become members of the Whittington Health NHS Foundation Trust.

The document has been updated to take account of the following:

- ✓ Agreed changes to the FT constitution in the 2011 draft
- ✓ Changed demographic statistics
- ✓ The increase in the number patients and service users following the integration of acute and community services
- ✓ Views expressed by a special meeting of governors convened to discuss the draft document

The governors made very few amendments, but did draw attention to the need for clarity in the role of governors in ensuring the accountability of the trust to its public. The proposed amendment is grey shaded in section 3.2 on page 10. The governors also discussed their contribution in developing the membership during the application stage. This is not explicitly referenced in the document as they do not have an official status, but their willingness to continue their active participation will be a valuable resource during the consultation and up until the election of the shadow Council of Governors.

Yellow shading indicates items which will need updating to reflect the consultation process, its outcome and progress in implementing the membership development strategy.

It should be noted that this is a draft document and may need to be amended following the consultation and in the light of any changes required by the Health and Social Care Act when it is implemented.

Action: The trust board is asked
➤ Recommend any changes to the draft document
➤ Approve the draft subject to any changes required

Report from: Susan Sorensen FT project team

Sponsor:	Fiona Smith Director of Planning and Programmes
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance	Reference: FT application guidance Monitor Model FT constitution
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