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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 28 September 2011

Title: Trust Board Non executive appointment

Executive Summary: Whittington Health has recently made a number of non executive director appointments to the Trust Board. They have brought with them a wide range of skills, expertise and experience. It is however timely to review the process for appointing to the one remaining NED vacancy, as we proceed with our foundation trust application. Having reviewed the expertise and experience invested within the current non executive directors, and considered that provided by executive directors, it is recommended that the Trust does not proceed with a further NED appointment at this time. This will be re-assessed once foundation status is achieved.

Action: The Board is asked to agree that we should not yet appoint to the current vacant Non executive director post at Whittington Health's Trust Board.

Report from: Joe Liddane Chairman

Sponsor:

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	Name of finance officer
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference:
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Compliance with Care Quality Commission Standards Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development	Reference:
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Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE) Lead: Director of Finance	Reference:
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Evidence for self-certification under the Monitor compliance regime Lead: All directors	Compliance framework reference:
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Context

Whittington Health has recently undertaken three non executive director appointments to the Trust Board. They have brought with them a wide range of skills, expertise and experience, many of which were not previously available to the Board. There are currently six non executive directors in post, including the Chairman together with five voting executive directors. Following review of the overall skills and experience, it has been assessed that there is sufficient breadth to cover the requirements of the Trust Board.

Once Whittington Health has achieved Foundation Trust status, the skills and experience of the whole board will be re-evaluated and at that point the final Non Executive Director post may be filled.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to agree that we should not yet appoint to the current vacant Non executive director post at Whittington Health's Trust Board. Once Whittington Health becomes a foundation trust, this will be reviewed again.