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Young People’s Governor Role

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1. Background

1.1. Oxford University Hospitals’ Young People’s Executive (known as YiPpEe) is a group of young people who work and meet with Trust staff, giving their views about services and helping the organisation to understand what young people in hospital want and need.

1.2. YiPpEe members are people aged 11 to 18 who are interested in helping to improve health services for children.

1.3. The Constitution of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides for the nomination of a governor by YiPpEe in order to support the views of young people being heard to inform the Council of Governors’ decisions.

1.4. The nominated governor must be over 16 years of age at the time of nomination to comply with the requirement set out in the Constitution that all governors be at least 16 years old.

2. Arrangements for Filling Vacancy

2.1. To date there has been some difficulty in identifying a suitable individual to undertake this role, given the constraint of their being over 16 and the challenge of coordinating time as a governor with educational and other commitments.

2.2. YiPpEe had also for a period become less active as a group, with meetings taking place infrequently. This is changing following the appointment of a Children’s Patient Experience Project Lead with a focus on reinvigorating it.

2.3. Two individuals have now put themselves forward as volunteers for the Young People’s Governor role on the basis that they would share the post. This arrangement would have the advantage of allowing them to support one another in carrying out the role and increase the likelihood that at least one of them would be able to attend meetings of the Council of Governors. Support would also be provided by the Children’s Patient Experience Project Lead.

2.4. The Constitution makes clear that YiPpEe can nominate to a single seat on the Council of Governors and that there is a single vote associated with it. There is, however, nothing which states explicitly that the role may not be shared between more than one individual.

3. Recommendation

3.1. The Council of Governors is asked to agree that the role of the Young People’s Governor may be shared by two individuals nominated by YiPpEe.