The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS
King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PUBLIC)

SUBMITTED BY:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT:		
Kate Gordon, Trust Chair	Decision	√	High	Med	Low
CONSULTATION:	Information			√	
Governors' Council – Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NED Appointments)	REPORT TYPE:		RELATED WORK:		
	Strategic				
	Operational				
	Governance	√			
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Meeting Date: **28th January 2013**
Report Title: **Appointment of the Senior Independent Director**

Purpose: To review the role description of the Senior Independent Director and to appoint the Trust's SID.

1. Introduction

With the departure of Jules Hillier from the Board of Directors, the role of Senior Independent Director (SID) should now be filled. The SID is appointed by the Board of Directors from amongst the non- executive directors, with the Governors having a consultative role.

2. The role of the SID

The SID carries out the important function in a Foundation Trust of being available to Governors and members if they have concerns which cannot be resolved through the normal channels of contact with the Chair, Chief Executive or Finance Director (*Monitor, 'The NHS Foundation Trust: Code of Governance'*). The SID also carries out the annual appraisal of the Chair, in consultation with Board colleagues and the Governors. The Trust's SID role description is attached at **Appendix A** for re-approval.

3. The appointment of the SID

In the light of recent Board changes, Shawn Haney is now the longest serving non-executive director (other than the Chair). The Governors' Council reappointed him for a further three year term in January 2012.

Shawn plays an important role as Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee and as one of the non-executives most frequently in contact with Monitor, whose monthly performance meetings he has attended regularly. Shawn takes part in the Governors' Council Business Working Group periodically where he is called upon to report the Trust's position in respect of its breach of the terms of its authorisation and to recount the nature of the Trust's regular dialogue with Monitor.

The Governors' Council Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NED Appointments) has been invited to comment on the rationale for a recommendation to the Board to appoint Shawn as SID. The recommendation has been supported. The decision of the Board in respect of Shawn's nomination as SID will be reported to the Governors' Council on 6 February 2013.

Financial Implications: No financial implications as a direct result of this report.

Risk Assessment (cross-reference with Risk Register where appropriate):

Strategic / External	Operational/ Organisational	Financial	Clinical	Legal/ Regulatory	Reputational / Patient Experience
				✓	

Recommendations:

The Board is invited to:

1. Approve the role description of the Senior Independent Director.
2. Appoint Shawn Haney as Senior Independent Director.