

Item 10.1

<b>Meeting / Committee:</b>	Board of Directors	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 24, 2012
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<b>This paper is for:</b>	Action/Decision X	Assurance	Information
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<b>Title:</b>	Re-appointment of Senior Independent Director
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To seek the Board of Directors approval for the re-appointment of Mrs Pauline Singleton as senior independent director
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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>On authorisation as an NHS Foundation Trust, the Council of Governors approved the appointment for three years of Mrs Pauline Singleton as senior independent director</p> <p>She is now reaching the end of her term of office in these posts and the Board of Directors is asked to consider the recommendation by the Nominations Committee and Council of Governors that she should be re-appointed.</p>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Board of Directors is asked to support the recommendations of the Nominations Committee and Council of Governors to re-appoint Mrs Pauline Singleton as senior independent director until the end of her current term of office as a non-executive director.
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<b>Implications</b>	Legal	Financial	Clinical	Strategic X	Risk & Assurance
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## **RE-APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR**

### **1. Introduction**

In 2009, at the first meeting of the Council of Governors following the authorisation of the trust as an NHS Foundation Trust, Mrs Pauline Singleton was approved as the senior independent director. Both appointments were made for a period of three years and they are now nearing the end of their terms of office in those post.

Monitor defines the role of the senior independent director as being a: “point of contact if governors have concerns which contact through the normal channels has failed to resolve, or when such normal contact is inappropriate.”

### **2. Proposal**

The Nominations Committee met on March 1, 2012 to discuss the re-appointment of Mrs Singleton, who had indicated that she would like to continue in the role. The committee considered her performance in the role and agreed to recommend to the Council of Governors that they should be re-appointed.

The initial appointment of the senior independent director was for a period of three years, however to bring it into line with her term of office as a trust non-executive director the committee recommended that Mrs Singleton should be re-appointed to the role of senior independent director until the end of her term of office as a non-executive director.

At the March 2012 Council of Governors meeting members supported the committee recommendation and recommended to the Board of Directors that Mrs Singleton should be re-appointed.

### **3. Recommendation**

The Board of Directors is asked to support the recommendations of the Nominations Committee and Council of Governors to re-appoint Mrs Pauline Singleton as senior independent director until the end of her current term of office as a non-executive director.