

WORKFORCE AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Approved by Trust Board on 28 June 2022

All Trust Board Committees are responsible for the scrutiny, monitoring and provision of assurance to Trust Board on key issues set out in their terms of reference and/or allocated to them by the Board. Agendas are set to enable Trust Board to receive assurance that scrutiny and monitoring processes are in place to allow the Trust's strategic objectives to be met and to address and mitigate risk.

The Workforce and Remuneration Committee (formerly known as Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee) was established in June 2002. The Terms of Reference of the Committee are reviewed annually and, if appropriate, amended to reflect any changes to the Committee's remit and role and revised membership. The Committee is a non-executive committee of the Board and has no executive powers other than those specifically delegated in these terms of reference and, as appropriate, by Trust Board. Committees are expected to conduct their business in accordance with the 7 principles of public life (Nolan principles): selflessness, integrity, objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership.

Purpose

The Workforce and Remuneration Committee has delegated authority for developing and determining appropriate pay and reward packages for the Chief Executive and Executive Directors and a local pay framework for senior managers as appropriate that actively contribute to the achievement of the Trust's aims and objectives. The Committee also has delegated authority to approve any termination payments for the Chief Executive and Executive Directors. Additionally, the Committee is responsible for ratifying Clinical Excellence Awards for Consultant Medical Staff.

The Committee also supports and monitors the strategic development of human resources and workforce development and considers issues and risks relating to the broader workforce strategy. On behalf of Trust Board, it reviews in detail key workforce performance issues, and takes ownership of workforce-related strategic risks, providing additional scrutiny of any such risks which are outside the Trust's Risk Appetite, and giving assurance to the Board around the management of such risks.

The Committee will support the development of an organisational culture where staff feel free, safe and able to raise concerns at work without fear of suffering a detriment. This includes supporting the lead Freedom to Speak Up Guardian to actively encourage and promote the Trust's commitment to the principles of Freedom to Speak Up which ensures the safety and welfare of Staff, Service Users, Carers and Visitors.

Membership

Membership of the Committee is comprised of the Chair of the Trust, two Non-Executive Directors and the Chief Executive.

Membership as at 1 July 2022

Chair – Non-Executive Director – Mandy Griffin;

Non-Executive Director – Marie Burnham (Chair of the Trust);

Non-Executive Director – Nat McMillan;

Chief Executive (non-voting Committee member) – Mark Brooks.

Attendance

The Chief Executive is a non-voting member of the Committee and will take no part in or be present for any items relating to his/her own personal remuneration or conditions of service. The Chief People Officer is also in attendance at meetings as lead Director and provides advice and support to the Committee. The Chief Operating Officer is also in attendance. Administrative support is provided by the Personal Assistant to the Chief People Officer.

Quorum

The quorum will be two Non-Executive Director members. Members are expected to attend all meetings. In the unusual event that the Chair is absent from the meeting, the Committee will agree another Non-Executive Director to take the chair. In the absence of the Chief Executive, the Chair of the Committee will decide whether it is appropriate for the Deputy Chief Executive to attend as a non-voting member.

Frequency of meetings

The Committee will meet no less than four times per year.

It is the responsibility of the Lead Director to ensure items are identified for the Committee's agenda in line with the Committee's terms of reference, its work programme agreed at the beginning of each year and the current risks facing the organisation and to agree these with the Chair of the Committee.

Authority

The Committee is authorised by Trust Board to investigate any activity within its terms of reference. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Committee. The Committee is also authorised by Trust Board to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.

Sub-committees

To fulfil its duties and to ensure the Trust complies with its statutory responsibilities and duties, the Committee will receive reports from identified sub-committees including but not limited to:

- Clinical Excellence Awards Panel.

Duties

1. To develop and determine appropriate pay and reward packages for the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and other designated senior managers and other locally determined pay arrangements that actively contribute to the achievement of the Trust's aims and objectives, are affordable and are in line with the Trust's financial strategy. Specifically to:
 - a) determine the remuneration and terms of service for the Chief Executive;
 - b) determine the remuneration arrangements for Executive Directors and to agree individual salary levels for Executive Directors;
 - c) to determine any annual uplift, for example, cost of living, for the Chief Executive and Executive Directors;
 - d) to ratify remuneration arrangements for senior management posts;
 - e) to approve any annual uplifts in pay structures and any performance-related pay arrangements for senior posts;

- f) to approve any termination payments to the Chief Executive and Executive Directors and ensure these are properly calculated and reasonable with regard to probity and value for money;
 - g) to receive a report from the Chief Executive of any proposed termination payments to be made to senior managers.
2. Under delegated authority from Trust Board as deemed appropriate for each circumstance, to agree and oversee the process for the appointment of the Chief Executive and Executive Directors of the Trust.
 3. To approve recommendations of the Clinical Excellence Awards Panel for Clinical Excellence Awards to Consultant Medical Staff.
 4. To support the strategic development of human resources and workforce development and consider issues and risks relating to the broader workforce strategy.
 5. On behalf of Trust Board, to monitor progress of the Workforce Strategy and review in detail key workforce performance issues.
 6. To have oversight of workforce-related strategic risks, providing additional scrutiny of any such risks which are outside the Trust's Risk Appetite, giving assurance to the Board around the management of such risks.
 7. To consider future national developments which could impact on the Trust's strategic workforce objectives.
 8. To have oversight of the Trust's approach to Freedom to Speak Up including receiving at least 2 reports every year, one of which should be the annual report, from the lead Freedom to Speak Up Guardian.
 9. On behalf of the Trust Board, to monitor progress of the Freedom to Speak Up Strategy and action plan and review in detail relevant performance indicators.
 10. To listen to staff experience and stories at each meeting.

Monitoring

The Committee will monitor its performance both in terms of providing assurance to Trust Board and in terms of ensuring it meets the remit as set out in its terms of reference through agreement of an annual work plan, inclusion in the work plan of any items delegated to the Committee by Trust Board and through the Assurance Framework, monitoring implementation of the annual work plan, assessment of the Committee's performance through an annual self-assessment, and an evaluation of the Committee's performance through an annual report to Trust Board.

The Committee will assess, measure and evaluate its impact, both quantitatively and qualitatively, and include the outcome of this in its annual report to the Audit Committee and to Trust Board.

Reporting to Trust Board

Trust Board will receive the minutes of Committee at the next Trust Board meeting following the Committee meeting. Confidential personnel matters will go to the private session of Trust Board, if appropriate, and the decisions of the Committee in relation to specific salary matters are reported to the Non-Executive Directors of the Trust only. The Committee will also report to the Board annually on its work (see above).

All Trust Board Committees have a responsibility to ensure they foster and maintain relationships and links between Committees and Trust Board. Each Committee also has a responsibility to ensure action identified and agreed is placed within the organisation either through the Executive Management Team or other internal groups, such as Trust-wide Action Groups (TAGs).