

Governor sub committees and working groups

As well as quarterly meetings, our governors also attend smaller committees and working groups that conduct reviews of a range of issues.

There are five sub committees of the council of governors, they are:

Planning and strategy

Acts as a sounding board to the directors responsible for the development of the trust's operational and strategic plans relating to the planning and delivery of services.

Quality

Aims to help the trust develop the quality strategy, priorities and accounts and provides a forum for discussions on specific quality issues.

Membership and communications

This group determines the membership strategy for the trust, agrees timescales for the recruitment and election of governors, defines the offer to members and discusses communication to the trust membership.

Inclusion and social responsibility

This group assists the trust in developing the patient and public involvement strategy of the organisation.

Bids

Allocation of funds (around £750) for schemes which improve the patient experience or reduce social inclusion.

Find out more

If you're interested in learning more about what the council of governors do, you can read their council papers on our website www.slam.nhs.uk

You can also email our governors directly on: governors@slam.nhs.uk

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Information about our

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South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust has a council of governors which ensures that our key stakeholders – people who use our services and their carers, friends and families, members of the public, staff and partner organisations – have a say in shaping their mental health service.

The council of governors represents the interests of more than 13,000 people who have become a member of SLaM.

It plays a vital role in supporting SLaM's board to set the long-term vision for the organisation.

Elected and appointed governors

We have a total of 40 governors. Each individual is either appointed by a local partner organisation, or is elected by the members of the constituency they belong to:

Public governors represent local people from our diverse local communities, as well as from around the UK.

Patient and service user governors represent people accessing our services - both local and specialist. As current or former patients, they share their own experiences to inform and improve care.

Carer governors represent people who care and support those who access our services.

Staff governors are elected from a variety of roles to represent the interests of staff across all our sites.

Appointed governors are the appointed representatives of our stakeholder and partner organisations including local authorities and clinical commissioning groups.

The role of the council of governors

The council of governors supports the board of directors by:

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Providing advice about the trust's future vision and strategy.

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Influencing proposals when SLaM services change.

—
Suggesting how the trust can improve its services to meet the needs of the constituencies.

—
Annually reviewing whether the trust is meeting its objective of delivering high quality services.

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Holding public meetings to hear and act on the views of the public and those who use our services.

Meetings and elections

Our council of governors meet four times a year.

Elections to the council of governors take place annually.

For more information and to read the agenda and minutes for meetings please visit:

www.slam.nhs.uk

(council of governors' page).