

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS DORSET NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. In Monitor's Code of Governance for NHS Foundation Trusts, one of their main principles (A.2 Division of Responsibilities) is that there should be a clear division of responsibilities at the head of the NHS Foundation Trust between the Chairing of the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors and the Executive responsibility for the running of the NHS Foundation Trust business. No one individual should have unfettered powers of decision. One of the specific code provisions is that the division of responsibility between the Chairman and Chief Executive should be clearly established, set out in writing and agreed by the Board.
2. Both the Chief Executive and the Chairman have job descriptions which describe their responsibilities and evidence the fact that the Chairman's and Chief Executive's role are distinctly different. Whilst the Chairman is accountable for giving leadership to the Board of Directors ensuring that the Trust meets its legal obligations, the Chief Executive is accountable for the effective management and delivery of the organisations services and as the Accountable Officer, ensures that the Trust meets its statutory responsibility and has appropriate systems of control in place.
3. The Board is asked to agree the Chairman and Chief Executive's responsibilities.

Carrie Stone
Company Secretary
January 2021

Agreed: Board of Directors January 2021