

BHNFT - Decision Making Process

Where the Trust needs to make a formal decision on an issue, it must be made in accordance with the Trust's Standing Orders, Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegations which are all available within the Publication Scheme.

For some operational issues a clinician or manager may be required to write a report, sponsored by a director, for the hospital's Executive Team. The Executive Team is an internal management structure which meets weekly and deals with operational issues but it also reviews strategic issues. For strategic issues, or matters requiring a Board decision, a report will be drafted for the Board which will include the recommendations of the Executive Team.

The reports, minutes and agendas of the Board's quarterly public meetings are available on the internet and the meetings are advertised in the local media.

Issues of public interest are reported to the Governing Council regularly and the Board may seek their views before determining a course of action.

The Governing Council meets every other month and the papers and meetings are publicised in the same way.

Decisions of the Board are communicated to the staff of the Trust through its various communications channels including meetings; the staff newsletters, which is called BDi; monthly team brief; weekly electronic bulletins and the hospital's intranet.