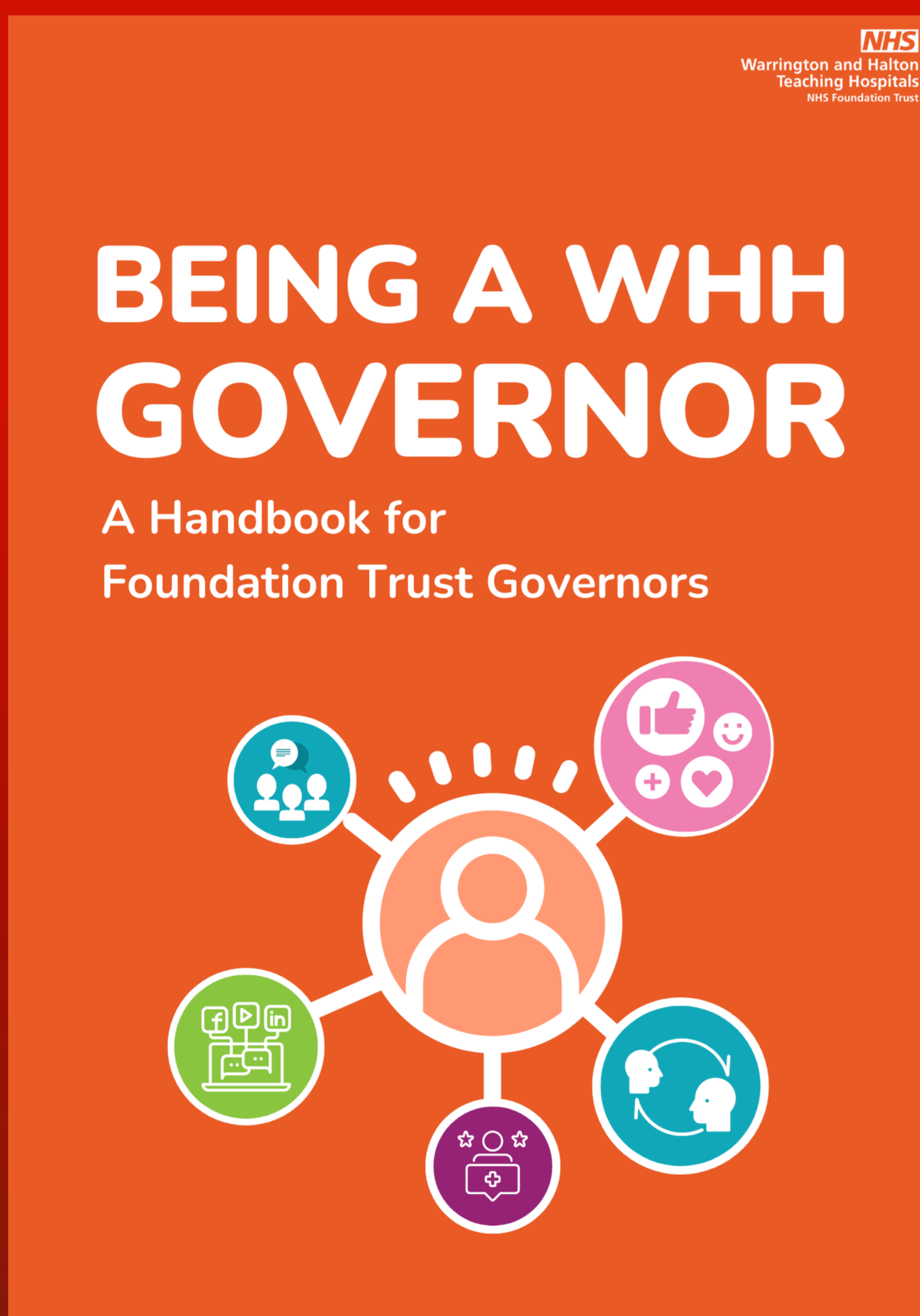


ENGAGING with current and aspiring governors



Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have an active and well attended governor engagement group (GEG) which meets quarterly and reports into the council of governors.

Following disruption to governor engagement activity during the Covid-19 pandemic, our governors were keen to fulfil their engagement duties with members and their communities.

From discussions at GEG the idea of a governor handbook with a focus on engagement was conceived. The handbook was developed to support governors when networking with their constituents, patients and the public. Content was agreed at GEG, to include key

information, engagement opportunities and links to useful resources.

Drafts of the handbook were created and cascaded to governors for feedback. This iterative process meant the governors had ownership over the content and it would meet their needs. Due to its positive reception the document was expanded into a full governor handbook which also covered the roles and statutory responsibilities of governors plus information on the governance arrangements and code of conduct for governors.

Finalised at GEG, the handbook was added on the trust website as part of a campaign to promote opportunities to stand in the governor elections. Printed versions were also shared at face-to-face events to promote the role of governors in advance of the election nomination window opening.

An evaluation of the 2022 governor elections showed a greater level of engagement and nominations from prospective candidates than in previous election campaigns. The handbook will be reviewed and refreshed at least once a year to ensure its relevance.