

Press Release**Technology provides the key to meeting the governance recommendations of The Francis Report**

10th March, 2010, Newbury, UK. In its response to The Francis Report, eShare flags technology as an essential element to enable NHS Trusts to most effectively, and efficiently, implement the recommendations through effective board governance.

In February, Robert Francis QC published his Inquiry Report on the Mid-Staffordshire NHS FT, which highlights the importance of board governance structures, board assurance processes and risk registers being actively followed, as well as Trust boards having all the relevant knowledge and expertise. eShare stresses that technology plays a crucial role in enabling the governance recommendations within the report to deliver against the goal of making a difference to all NHS Trusts.

Board governance software, such as eShare, provides a collaborative workspace for actively managing board governance, board assurance, the risk register and to record and manage professional development of the Trust board.

"Many Trusts are desperately attempting to develop their own technology solutions at huge cost and/or with limited resources" says Alister Esam, CEO of eShare. "Largely 'out of the box' board governance software is available off the shelf with a proven ROI and this can very quickly help Trusts meet the recommendations of The Francis Report."

Board governance technology is starting to be embraced by many NHS Trusts; however most are now looking at or managing board governance manually with the use of physical files, spreadsheets and email. These governance practices are less adequate and more inefficient than purpose-developed technology. Adoption of secure, centrally accessible board governance tools is essential in ensuring Trust Boards are best equipped to be most effective, whilst also minimising the associated back-office administration, and therefore costs and hence also satisfying the NHS Operating Framework 2010.

"It is often perceived that board governance software would add an unnecessary burden to Trusts in terms of cost or administration" says Esam, "However, it is in fact relatively inexpensive and pays for itself many times over though significantly reducing the administrative burden typically associated with Trust governance."

END**About eShare**

eShare has been developed specifically to address the needs of trust based organisations that are accountable to their memberships and have stringent governance frameworks. eShare brings years of experience in trust based organisation management, resulting in a best-practice solution that is relevant to, and is deployed successfully within, established trust-based organisations including Pensions, Charities, Healthcare and Education.

Built on a Microsoft platform, the eShare software has been the first globally to be awarded the Microsoft "Software as a Service" competency. The software hinges around supporting the company secretariat function of boards and committees, providing a range of functionality including complete meeting management, a centralised electronic knowledge centre for version controlled document management, effective precedent based decision making, and audited and alert-based task management.

Since our foundation in 2004 our client base has expanded significantly. By engaging closely with User Forums, eShare ensures that its product evolves based on direct customer feedback.

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