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(Voice off screen) Around governance and leadership issues, what do you think is important for a non-exec board member to consider?

(Margaret Morris) In terms of governance is about ensuring that you as a non-exec are fully informed and aware so that information you have with you, enables you to ask questions of the right people on the board or informally you are able as a non-executive director to approach some medical director or the director for the nurses and midwives with a personal question to them which will may then help you to inform your questioning in terms of at an board meeting.

In terms of leadership, is about being confident enough to take on. It can be a major leadership role like the one we spoke of in terms of chairing a committee, but it can also be about leading in terms of a board perspective. I'm trying to think of a suitable example, we have a breast feeding initiative in Lanarkshire and I've taken a lead role in that in terms of going along to engage with the young mums who are participating the programme and it's about that level leading in terms of having a presence. It's not always about you leading an initiative, it can be about you leading in terms of the boards profile in Lanarkshire in terms of health inequalities.