

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	6 May 2021		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Robin Smith, Head of Communications			
<b>Approved By:</b>	Lorna Branton, Director of Communications, Claire Ward, Chair			
<b>Presented By:</b>	Claire Ward, Chair			
<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>		
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/a				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective.				

## Chair's Report – May 2021

### Chair's reflections

As you may already be aware, John MacDonald left Sherwood Forest Hospitals last month to take up a secondment as Chair for University Hospitals of Leicester, and it is my privilege to have taken on the role of Chair here at Sherwood.

I would like to formally thank John for the leadership he has given Sherwood over his four years in the role, which has been a time of significant improvement for the Trust, culminating in the latest CQC results; the hugely positive staff survey results; and in Sherwood being named the HSJ Acute or Specialist Trust of the Year, all within the last 12 months. John's calm and collaborative leadership has been integral to our successes and I also want to thank him for the personal support and friendship he has shown me in this time.

I joined the Board in 2013 in challenging times and have been part of the journey to where we are now. I am incredibly proud of the organisation and its people. Sherwood Forest Hospitals has been through huge change and improvement and this change has been made possible by the care, compassion and commitment of its workforce and by their dedication to delivering excellent patient care. I am committed to supporting the organisation's culture of always seeking to improve and to learn and I look forward to continuing to work closely with the Board, the Executive and colleagues across the Trust

Covid-19 will be discussed in more detail elsewhere in Board, but the positive news is that over the course of the last month we have continued to see reducing numbers of Covid patients in our hospitals, fewer admissions and fewer deaths, while the infection rates across our communities have also continued to reduce. Alongside that, the vaccination programme continues to protect more people against the infection, with the hospital hub at Sherwood still busy administering first and second doses in line with the JvCI guidance on priority groups.

We have also seen restrictions continue to ease slightly, which I know is having a positive impact on colleagues and citizens, who are now able to see more of friends and family and take part in more 'normal' day to day activity. We would remind everyone to continue to follow the national guidance carefully and to observe the Hands, Face, Space message.

As a Board we will be focused on helping the Trust meet the challenge of restoring services that may have paused or changed, and to liaise with patients that are waiting for treatment. We are really clear that this needs to happen alongside caring for our colleagues' physical and mental wellbeing and capacity following the pressures of the year.

I hope that colleagues feel well supported at the moment and are aware of the channels open to them to raise any issues or concerns, including through our Freedom to Speak Up Guardian.

### **Dr Andy Haynes to re-join Sherwood Forest Hospitals as specialist advisor**

In another change to further strengthen our Board, we are delighted that Dr Andy Haynes, who was the Medical Director/Deputy Chief Executive at Sherwood until December 2019 before joining the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) as Executive Lead, has re-joined the Trust as a Specialist Non-Executive Advisor to the Board.

Andy knows our Trust and its people extensively and his time at the ICS has given him an additional perspective that will be of great value to the Board as we navigate our way through the changes across Nottinghamshire. Andy will bring his experience and insight of NHS transformation. We are pleased to see him return and we are really looking forward to working with him.

### **Celebrating our Administrative Professionals**

Administrative Professionals Week ran from 19-23 April, and the Trust took the opportunity to celebrate the massive contribution our admin colleagues make every single day behind the scenes in the running of our hospitals and community care.

The celebrations included a series of daily 'Sherwood Voices' blogs by five #SFHAdmin colleagues, which can be read through the links below.

On behalf of the Board we would like to extend our thanks to all of our administrative colleagues, who are vital to the safe and efficient running of our hospitals, but don't always get the recognition their work deserves.

[Amy Butler, Department Secretary for Critical Care Unit](#)

[Mitchel Speed, Patient Experience Officer](#)

[Ann Gray, Patient Services Manager](#)

[Edward Pearse, PMO Administrator](#)

[Diane Page, Operational Support Officer in Medicine](#)

We have also paid tribute this month to the work of our loggist colleagues, with Dale Travis, Head of Operations and Mark Stone, Emergency Planning Officer writing to the organisation to thank colleagues for everything they have done throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Loggists have been responsible throughout the pandemic for ensuring that every decision we make has been recorded and that we respond efficiently and effectively to the requests for information and data from the central NHS, which have been crucial in helping to make decisions about managing the pandemic.

*"It is has been an amazing effort and of vital importance to the Trust, maintaining that vigilance and professionalism all through the incident, including weekends and bank holidays.*

*"Please join us in thanking this group of colleagues who continue to play a vital, but often unseen role in the Trust's response to Covid-19."*

[Click the link to read the full thank you message.](#)

### **Latest Consultant Recruits**

We are pleased that our recruitment continues to perform well in a very competitive market. In the last month we have been delighted to welcome the following consultants who have been appointed to Sherwood Forest Hospitals.

- Dr Anupriya Annapurni – Consultant in Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Mr Khalid Khan – Locum Consultant General Surgeon with Specialist Interest in Colorectal Surgery
- Mr Krishnaswamy Haribaskaran – Locum Consultant in ENT
- Dr Subhashini Premaratne – Locum Consultant in Critical Care
- Dr Shaman Gunarathne – Locum Consultant in Radiology

### **Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings**

I am continuing to attend internal and external meetings regularly, wherever possible virtually and have recently attended:

- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS Board
- ICS Development Session
- NHS Providers, regional Chairs update on Covid-19
- Governor one to ones
- East Midlands Chairs Network
- Newark Hospital walk around
- Governor's Forum

I am looking forward to getting out and about more shortly, including a planned visit to Mansfield Community Hospital.

**Membership summary**

The Forum for Public Involvement meeting was held virtually on Monday 12 April and we will continue to keep these meetings virtual for the time being. We are also planning to return 'Meet your Governor' sessions outside at King's Mill Hospital and Newark Hospital shortly and are working with our governors to help restore our connection with our members and the wider public.

**Membership numbers**

Number of public members: 14,887

Number of staff members: 7,506

Total: 22,393