

Council of Governors

Subject:	Chair's Report	May 2021		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last quarter.			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care to our patients	To support each other to do a great job	To inspire excellence	To get the most from our resources	To play a leading role in transforming health and care services
X	X	X	X	X
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
			X	
Risks/Issues				
Financial				
Patient Impact				
Staff Impact				
Services				
Reputational				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Executive Summary				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items since the last Chair of Governors meeting from the Chair's perspective.				

Chair Report

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 the meeting, but the positive news is that 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 re-joins 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.](#)

Planting hope for the future – an ‘orchard’ of trees being planted across Nottinghamshire

On Monday 22 March a number of colleagues joined together as part of the Hope Orchard initiative drawing a link between health and the environment.

On the day fruit trees were planted at each of our sites, and we were joined by organisations and individuals across Nottinghamshire and beyond as part of a commitment to a lower carbon future. As well as Sherwood colleagues trees were planted by our partners in Nottinghamshire Healthcare, EMAS and Ashfield District Council, as well as the Woodland Trust and numerous schools in our communities.

The Hope Orchard was conceived by Dr Helena Clements, consultant paediatrician and climate change clinician at Sherwood Forest Hospitals – thanks to everyone who has got involved.

HMP PPE contract keeps NHS staff safe whilst also receiving praise from OFSTED

Sherwood Forest Hospitals and Serco-managed HMP Lowdham Grange have been working in partnership to help up-skill prisoners whilst benefitting the NHS by setting up an NVQ programme for prisoners to make PPE for hospital staff during the pandemic.

Prisoners at HMP Lowdham Grange, near Nottingham, have so far made 1200 sets of scrubs, 716 surgical gowns, 470 surgical caps and more than 16,000 face coverings for the Trust to use during the pandemic. The Business Enterprise unit at HMP Lowdham Grange has been working with the inmates to produce the PPE, with the unlikely partnership beginning with a Facebook request from a group called ‘For the Love of Scrubs’, which the prison’s Head of Contracts and Sustainability for Business Enterprise, Sally Allsopp saw and thought they could help with.

After speaking with managers at the Trust and Textiles Expert, Malcom Turner at Lowdham Grange, the partnership was made and patterns for scrubs were sent to the prison and they set to work making sure they had the correct skills base in their workshop to set up a production line to produce the amount of PPE needed. By April 2020 the prison had already donated 300 sets of scrubs to King’s Mill Hospital and an official ordering system had been set up to manage what was needed.

The prison has now built the making of the PPE into its NVQ programme in Performing and Manufacturing Operations. At the beginning of February 2021 they received a virtual visit from OFSTED, who said: “Workshop instructors used tailored worksheets effectively to help prisoners develop their skills for their specific job roles. A few prisoners gained their performing manufacturing operations qualifications.

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
- Mr Hatem Salem-Saqer – Consultant in Trauma & Orthopaedics
- Pierce Yousef – Locum Consultant in Acute Medicine
- Saroona Haroon – Locum Consultant Histopathologist
- Amr Ali – Consultant Anaesthetist

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement meeting continue to be held monthly, 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