

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive's Report	Date: 1 July 2021		
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Purpose				
To update on key events and information from the last month			Approval	
			Assurance	X
			Update	
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
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				
N/a				
Executive Summary				
An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chief Executive's perspective.				

Chief Executive Report – July 2021

As usual I will provide some brief detail on Covid-19 and recovery in this report, and there will be a discussion in more depth in the meeting. Firstly, I am pleased to be able to report that at this present time the increasing infection rate that we are all hearing about in the community driven by the Delta variant has not resulted in similar increases in Covid inpatients or admissions.

This indicates that the vaccine is doing its job, and we continue to provide the vaccine to colleagues and patients via the King's Mill vaccination centre – last month we reported on the 100,000th vaccine given at King's Mill. What is clear though is that now is not the time to get complacent. We continue to remind all colleagues of their responsibilities in infection control, and for our communities to keep following the Government guidelines to help us all keep moving forward. We are now vaccinating all adults over the age of 18 and I urge anyone who has not yet had the vaccine to come forward.

We are of course continuing to focus on our elective recovery programme and treating patients that have had their activity delayed. In the last month we have also written to all patients in this position to explain what is happening, what they can expect next and how to contact us if their condition has changed. I am sorry that patients are waiting too long, and we will continue to increase capacity as much as we can safely, focussing on the greatest clinical need.

Our visiting policy remains the same as reported last month with each patient permitted a designated visitor for an hour a day. We have kept the existing arrangements for pregnant women, those who lack capacity and children. In the course of last month we have joined forces with our colleagues at Nottingham University Hospitals to remind patients and visitors to continue to respect hospital rules on visiting and social distancing and to clarify that while restrictions are slowly opening up elsewhere that it is very important to remain vigilant in hospital settings. [More details on this can be read here.](#)

Further updates

Each month I am going to use my Board update to provide further information on some of our progress around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) which is summarised below.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

During June we have made progress on the development of an action plan for Sherwood based on the 6 High Impact Actions identified nationally and regionally as actions that must be taken by organisations to eliminate racism and bias in recruitment and career development for those from Ethnic Minority backgrounds. Our action plan has been submitted to our Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS EDI Leads.

We have had some powerful conversations this month on Inclusion, the importance of the EDI agenda and the lived experiences of some of our colleagues, both as a senior leadership team and in our weekly live broadcast to the organisation. My thanks in particular to those colleagues who have shared their personal experiences, and I believe it is important to keep having these discussions.

It is national PRIDE month in June and we have been celebrating the LGBT+ community through a series of posts on our social media platforms. Nottinghamshire has always celebrated PRIDE in July and we are planning events for the month, including a march at King's Mill Hospital and the first ever march at Newark Hospital.

Trust officially opens £2m Same Day Emergency Care Unit

On Friday 18 June we opened Sherwood's new Same Day Emergency Care unit (SDEC) which is enabling more patients who require emergency medical care to be seen and treated within a day rather than being admitted overnight.

It is excellent news for the patients who will now be able to receive their care at the right place and right time, rather than being admitted elsewhere within the hospital, improving patient experience and satisfaction as well as allowing beds to be freed up for the Trust's sickest patients. Patients can be referred to the Same Day Emergency Care unit by the Emergency Department, their GP, a hospital ward, outpatient clinic, primary care or other healthcare facility.

The new centre is able to carry out investigations for patients including observations, diagnostic tests and treatments such as blood tests, x-rays, ultrasound scans, echocardiograms, antibiotics given through a vein, injections, wound care, preventing patients from hospital admissions. Test results and treatment plans are discussed with the patient in face to face consultations on the same day.

The unit, which was officially opened by Kathryn Allsop, the very first patient to be treated at the new unit earlier this year is open from 7am until midnight seven days a week and has 25 spaces for patients to be seen and treated within the same day. Thank you to all colleagues involved in seeing this important project through to opening.

Recognition Week 2021

This month's Board takes place during Sherwood's annual Recognition Week. We started this initiative in 2019 where we take week collectively look back at the last 12 months and recognise our various achievements, take pride in our successes, and thank colleagues for their contributions. Clearly the last year has been hugely challenging for all colleagues but I think it is important that we can pause and reflect on what we have achieved. I am looking forward to taking part in the events which will culminate in the NHS' 73rd Birthday on Monday 5 July.

Annual Doctor's Awards

One of the elements of Recognition Week will be the annual Doctor Awards, with the winners being announced on Monday 28 June. Many congratulations to everyone that has won or was nominated for an award, and thank you to all colleagues who have taken the time to nominate a colleague – I know how much it means to people.

Meat Free Mondays

In last month's report I reflected on Sherwood's place in our community as an Anchor organisation. Part of our responsibility as an anchor in Mid-Nottinghamshire is to ensure we are leading on sustainability. It was great to see the first Sherwood Meat-Free Monday on Monday 7 June, when our catering outlets such as the Spice of Life at King's Mill Hospital offered only meat-free options, and it was good to see so many colleagues embrace the initiative.