

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	5 August 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 Chair's perspective.				

Chair's Report – August 2021

Chair's reflections

When I have been in the organisation, or spoken to colleagues over the last month, it has been absolutely clear how busy our teams are at the moment. Colleague wellbeing remains a major focus for the Board and I thank everyone for their continued resilience and commitment.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a number of colleagues within Medirect; without always getting the limelight this group of colleagues is absolutely essential to the running of our hospitals, particularly during the course of the Covid pandemic. You are all part of the SFH family and I want to thank you for everything you do.

Since our last Board meeting on 1 July, we have seen the further relaxation of some of the national Covid restrictions as part of the Government's roadmap. We know that it remains as important as ever to maintain our infection control measures and behaviours within our hospitals, to protect vulnerable patients, colleagues and our services. I'm pleased to see this has been clearly communicated.

I was also pleased to see the strong stance the Trust has taken this month in response to a rise in instances of verbal and physical abuse of colleagues. It is unacceptable for anyone to come to work fearful of the abuse they may be subject to and it is important that our colleagues know they have our full support.

This month we have continued to see wonderful donations from our community and colleagues, including members of the community donating to our Covid Response Fund, the donation of £3,500 which was utilised to purchase play stations and games consoles for W25in appreciated of good care from a grateful family, and the donation of £600 to ICCU in memory of a loved one.

The Charity also led on the installation of three commemorative art installations to recognise and capture the Covid efforts from colleagues, volunteers and community support.

As always, my thanks go to everyone for their hard work and compassionate care.

Richard Mitchell appointed Chief Executive at University Hospitals of Leicester

As you may well be aware by now, following four years as Chief Executive at Sherwood, Richard Mitchell will be leaving us in the autumn to take up a new role, as the Chief Executive at University Hospitals of Leicester.

Richard joined us in June 2017 and he will continue at Sherwood until the end of September 2021. Paul Robinson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, will be Interim Chief Executive and he has increasingly started to take on duties from Richard as part of a structured handover.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Richard publicly, on behalf of our Board, our colleagues and our patients for his leadership over the past four years and his commitment to helping Sherwood to continuously improve and to become a truly great place to work and to receive care.

We will all miss Richard, but I congratulate him on his new role and I am sure he will be a great success at Leicester. He is leaving Sherwood in safe hands, with a strong leadership team, strong relationships with our partners and clear plans for continued growth and improvement.

Although this is not Richard's final SFH Board meeting, I want to wish him all the best for the future and am pleased that he remains as part of our regional NHS family.

We will keep you updated on the process to substantively appoint a new Chief Executive.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be held on Tuesday 28 September from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. The meeting will be broadcast live via MS Teams.

The AGM is open to all members of the public and is an opportunity for the Trust to reflect upon its activities, challenges and achievements over the past financial year. There will be a presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts from SFH's Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, Paul Robinson and the Trust will outline its plans for the year ahead.

The AGM provides us with the opportunity to provide the public with an outline of our future plans, as well as the chance to celebrate the incredible work carried out by our colleagues. There will also be the opportunity to pose questions to learn more about our progress and future trajectories. I would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone with an interest in our hospitals to tune in to the live broadcast.

Anyone wishing to tune in to the live broadcast can do so via the following link. <https://bit.ly/3r0Jxxv>

Appointment letters available online for Sherwood Hospital patients

Patients at Sherwood Hospital NHS Foundation Trust can now securely access their outpatient letters and appointments electronically via the NHS App.

The new service, which is completely free, will link hospital information in the NHS App, allowing patients to view their hospital outpatient appointment letters. It will also allow patients to add information to their record, for example measurements, symptoms, or data from devices such as fitness watches.

It's all thanks to some extra technology that has been added to the app for patients in Nottinghamshire through Connected Nottinghamshire, which supports the development of digital NHS services for patients across the county.

The NHS App already allows patients to see their vaccinations status, order repeat prescriptions, book and manage GP appointments, get health information and advice, and view their NHS Number and GP health record securely.

The Trust will be writing to outpatients giving them the opportunity to sign up for the new service as they receive appointments, but anyone can sign up at any time. They just need to download the NHS App, click on 'messages' and sign up the service, which is run by NHS partners Patients Know Best. For more information visit <https://www.nottsnhsapp.nhs.uk/>

Sherwood Forest Hospitals' colleagues and patients feature in stunning new artwork to commemorate extraordinary COVID efforts as part of NHS Birthday celebrations

To commemorate the COVID-19 pandemic, we were proud to unveil COVID artwork at King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Community Hospital and Newark Hospital on Monday 5 July, the NHS's 73rd birthday. Featuring over 60 powerful black and white images, the artwork showcases the communal emotion and collective spirit during the height of the pandemic for many of the Trust's colleagues, volunteers and the local community.

I'd like to thank Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity for supporting the artwork in each of our three hospital sites and recognising the need to have somewhere to reflect and process the pandemic. Thank you.

Meet your Governor sessions

Our Meet Your Governor sessions are continuing across our sites, having been reinstated in May, and we are starting to gain valuable feedback from patients and carers. The sessions are being outside the entrances of our hospitals, weather permitting, in order to meet with infection control measures. The Meet Your Governor programme is an important way for us to hear directly from patients and to gain valuable feedback on how we are performing.

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 Jayant Vanjari – 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:

- Meeting our local MPs
- Meeting with Chief Executive and Elected Mayor of Mansfield
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS Board
- ICS Development Session
- NHS Providers, regional Chairs update on Covid-19
- Governor one to ones
- Governor's Forum
- Maternity safety champions walk
- Board development workshops

Membership summary

The Forum for Public Involvement meeting was held virtually on Monday 12 July, and we will continue to keep these meetings virtual for the time being. We are also looking to recruit new members to the group and will share more details shortly.