

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021		
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<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 – October 2021

### Chair's reflections

September, like January, is a time when people's minds turn to new beginnings, as a new season begins and students go back to school and University. This September is also a new beginning for Sherwood Hospitals, as we have said goodbye to Richard Mitchell as CEO and welcomed Paul Robinson, our former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Deputy CEO as Interim CEO. This is also a new beginning of sorts for me, as I was confirmed as substantive Chair for the Trust in September, following a competitive recruitment process. It is an honour to continue to work as your Chair.

Richard Mills, our previous Deputy CFO will be joining the executive team as our Interim CFO and I, along with the rest of the board, look forward to working closely with him.

This will also be the last board meeting for Tim Reddish our Senior Independent Director who has been a member of the board since 2013. Tim has brought his wisdom and experience from his role in the Paralympics to Sherwood and many will recall the mantra he brought that we should focus on the 'brilliant basics'. He has acted as a wise and informed counsel to successive Chairs and we have all appreciated his contribution to the board. Tim, and his guide dog Pip, will be much missed at Sherwood. May I take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution to Sherwood and wish him well in all his endeavours, including his campaign to be re-elected to the Paralympics Board.

Due to these changes we are in the process of recruiting two new Non-Executive Directors to join our board. If you live in the area and would like to contribute to the future of our Trust then please consider applying: [http://jobs.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/job/UK/Nottinghamshire/Sutton Ashfield/Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust/NonExecutive Director/NonExecutive Director-v3503266?ts=1](http://jobs.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/job/UK/Nottinghamshire/Sutton_Ashfield/Sherwood_Forest_Hospitals_NHS_Foundation_Trust/NonExecutive_Director/NonExecutive_Director-v3503266?ts=1)

Another familiar new beginning this month is the launch of additional cohorts for a Covid booster vaccination. The vaccination hub at King's Mill is busy administering booster jabs to around 700 people a day. Those who had their second dose more than six months ago who are either over 50 or work in health and care are currently eligible. The vaccination team have worked incredibly hard this year, as part of a system wide response to help to protect our communities.

Our volunteers and fundraisers have continued to offer us invaluable support. The Friends of Newark Hospital have recently bought a bariatric rotunda to support patients attending CT; we began training for a new ward volunteers role which we will soon be rolling out Trust wide; and Paul Robinson went to meet Lisa Thompson, a Lymphedema Nurse Specialist who has raised £1820 to support head and neck oncology services.

We continue to raise money for the Trust through a range of charitable events and this month Julie Hogg, our Chief Nurse; Richard Clarkson, Head of Nursing our Emergency Department, Carl Miller, Associate Chief Allied Health Professional and Trevor Hammond, Head of Nursing in Surgery, put on their trainers and completed the Robin Hood Half Marathon, raising over £1500 for the Trust's dementia fund. Both the money raised and the miles run are an incredible achievement; thank you.

In October we will launch the National Staff Survey, which all NHS organisations are asked to take part in. It is a really important part of the year for us, where we encourage colleagues to anonymously give us their honest feedback, so that we can see where we can improve and also celebrate our successes. We seek feedback all year but this survey allows us to benchmark against similar organisations and understand how we compare across a range of measures. Each year the survey leads to an action plan which the Board approves and the Executive team deliver, so colleague views really do make a huge difference.

### **Sherwood recognised in the HSJ Patient Safety Award for its 'People First' initiative**

I am really proud that we were shortlisted this year's HSJ Patient Safety Awards, in partnership with Nottingham Trent University, We were shortlisted in the Mental Health Initiative category for our 'People First: supporting colleagues to support service users' project.

The project is a comprehensive wellbeing support package for those working in health and care across Nottinghamshire, backed by academic research and support to ensure that the services offered really did meet people's needs as the demands of pandemic changed over time.

I am delighted that we have been recognised but even more pleased that we have such a high quality support package available to our colleagues. I would urge anyone who might need support to access these services.

### **First public judge recruited for our annual awards**

For the first time, we have recruited a member of the public to join the judging panel for our Staff Excellence Awards, in conjunction with the Chad newspaper.

These annual awards recognise and celebrate our colleagues, honouring those who have gone above and beyond in delivering outstanding patient care and services during the last 12 months; a period which includes the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and the roll-out of the COVID vaccination.

Thank you to Beverley Cooper, who is our first citizen judge. We really appreciate the support – it is so important for us to hear the views of our community in as many ways as possible.

### **Latest consultant recruits**

We are pleased that our recruitment continues to perform well in a very competitive market. We haven't welcomed any new consultants since our last Board update but we continue to attract high quality applicants for these vacancies and have a number of interviews coming up in the coming months.



**Membership summary**

Our public membership total stands at 14,716. We know that those aged under 50, males and those from an ethnic minority background are under-represented in our membership. We will continue to work on this and we are working with some local colleges to look to increase representation from younger members.