

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	4 November 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.				

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Chair's reflections

Our reputation for outstanding care and our strong links with our communities, is reflected in the strength of interest from people wishing to be non-executive members of our board and I'm pleased to report we had a really strong field of applicants from across the region to the two vacancies we are currently looking to fill. We hope to announce the successful candidates following interviews and then approval at our next council of governors meeting on November 9. I look forward to the important contributions they will make to the outstanding and effective care we provide across all our services.

Covid-19 vaccination hub

The Covid-19 vaccination hub at King's Mill continues to be busy and is now administering booster jabs to around 700 people a day but it is worth remembering that the offer of a vaccine is evergreen so anyone eligible who is yet to receive their first or second dose can still come forward. Vaccination teams have been working incredibly hard setting up, launching and continuing with the vaccine deployment programme to help to protect our communities.

Volunteer and charity activity

So much of what we do here at #TeamSFH relies on the support of our volunteers so it is really satisfying that a wellbeing survey revealed in October that 97.5% of those who responded would recommend us as a place to volunteer.

Our charities continue to receive significant donations, including £25,000 from two grieving parents, which will be used to improve our bereavement services. We also received a £250 donation from seven-year-old Scarlett Sarjant for the Street Health Project

Meanwhile our work with local colleges continues, including West Notts College students supporting us with publicity materials and a planned partnership with Portland College students to support our fund-raising.

Diagnostic units will help us see 800 more patients a month, leading to faster diagnosis and treatment

It is fantastic news that up to 800 of our patients will now benefit from earlier diagnosis of serious illnesses thanks to two new scanning units.

Our new endoscopy unit and a mobile CT scanning unit opened during October and will help give earlier diagnosis for conditions, such as cancer in the bowel, bladder, stomach, oesophagus, brain and bones.

The extra capacity created is part of a national plan for Community Diagnostic Centres and is an enormous boost as we work to bring down waiting times for diagnostic tests and ensure more people can start treatment or receive reassurance promptly.

By the end of March we plan to offer nearly 5,000 extra tests, which will make a huge difference to all those patients and their loved ones and I would like to thank everyone from the trust executive

team, the estates team, and the wider Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Care System and CCG teams for helping to make this happen.

Radiology patients benefit from access to digital letters through NHS App

Patients under the care of our radiology team are now able to access their appointment letters through the NHS App. Users of the app, who have also registered with the Patients Know Best functionality, can choose to receive appointment letters digitally, with notifications delivered directly to their smartphones.

Details of how to register for the NHS App and Patients Know Best can be found at www.nhs.uk/nhs-app but if anyone needs more support they can email sfh-tr.nottsahsapp@nhs.net

Latest consultant recruits

I would like to formally welcome the following consultants to #TeamSFH:

Dr Shareen Munatsi , appointed as a Consultant in Sexual Health; Dr Sapna Philip, appointed to a fixed-term Consultant post in Acute Medicine; Dr Kamal Nasar – currently a Locum Consultant in Acute Medicine, now appointed substantively; and Dr Khalil Ahmad – currently a Locum Consultant in Acute Medicine, now appointed substantively.

Membership summary

We continue to work to improve membership from under-represented groups, particularly the under-50s, men and people from ethnic minorities. It is vitally important that we hear the voices from every part of our community and are doing some exciting work with local colleges to increase representation from younger people. Our public membership total currently stands at 14,663.