

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chief Executive's Report	Date: 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				
<p>An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chief Executive's perspective.</p>				

Chief Executive Report – September 2021

Thank you for the warm welcome and your support

I would like to start by thanking everyone who has offered me support and encouragement during the first few weeks in my role as interim Chief Executive Officer for Sherwood Forest Hospital. As I travel the corridors of our hospitals, I hope to meet many more of the excellent people we have here at #TeamSFH and I am reassured that with their continued support we continue to grow, to develop and to thrive so we can, in turn, provide the most effective care for our patients. Like the whole of the health and care sector, high demand means greater activity for our services at SFH and, on behalf of the board of directors, I wish to thank all our staff for everything they do to care for our patients and our staff.

Supporting each other

I am also pleased to see that peer-to-peer support for staff is also being strengthened by the excellent work of our staff networks, particularly those for our LGBTQ+, ethnic minority and disabled workforce.

Our operational plans for the coming months are well formed and I look forward to sharing those with you all shortly but if we are to continue delivering great care to our patients through what will undoubtedly be a tough winter, it is equally important that we support each other – making sure everyone feels they are an equal part of #TeamSFH.

Don't miss our annual awards – recognising outstanding patient care

I'm really looking forward to our Staff Excellence Awards later this month when we will be able to celebrate the great care our colleagues have been providing over the past 12 months. We received more than 400 nominations and the judges had a tough time choosing the finalists.

I'm sure it will be a great opportunity to recognise those who have gone above and beyond in delivering outstanding patient care and services during the Covid-19 pandemic and the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination.

Staff and the public will be able to watch the online ceremony on November 26, which we will be streaming live on YouTube.

Covid-19 and flu vaccinations at SFH

The number of Covid patients in our care continues to rise and, sadly, at the time of writing this report, the number of recorded deaths stood at 646. Thankfully, more than 2,000 patients with Covid-19 have recovered sufficiently to be discharged.

It's always worth repeating that the best way to protect ourselves and our loved ones is to make sure we are fully vaccinated – that's taking up the offer of both doses and then the booster once we become eligible (six months since receiving the second jab).

The offer is an evergreen offer, so no one misses out and is being made to health and social care colleagues, all over 50s and people over 16 with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from Covid-19.

The vaccine programme is also now offering a single dose to children aged 12 to 15 – much of these vaccinations will be delivered through school-based sessions but slots will also be made available at our King's Mill Hospital vaccination hub. And patients who are immunosuppressed are being invited for a third primary dose of the Covid-19 vaccination. Specialists working in hospitals as well as GP practices are working to identify patients and invitation letters are being sent out.

Another vital measure we can all take to protect patients and each other is to have the flu vaccine. As we approach winter – and with Covid-19 still a major issue – vaccination will play an important role in keeping our patients and our colleagues safe this winter. I am glad to see we are leading by example with more than half of all #TeamSFH staff already having taken up the offer of the jab.

Welcome to our new deputy medical director

And finally, I am delighted to welcome Mr Andrew Marshall to #TeamSFH as our new Deputy Medical Director. Andrew takes up his post this week and was previously Deputy Medical Director at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust with a clinical background as a Consultant Paediatric ENT surgeon, with expertise in cochlear implantation and paediatric airways.

He will continue his clinical practice at Nottingham University Hospitals when he moves into his new role, strengthening the senior clinical leadership and clinical voice at Sherwood Forest Hospitals and supporting the Medical Director's office portfolio.