

Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Chair's Report	2 December 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 – December 2021

Welcome to Aly and Steve, our two new Non-Executive Directors

I am delighted to formally welcome our two new Non-executive directors, Aly Rashid and Steve Banks to #TeamSFH. As a board, we are looking forward to working with them and benefiting from the wealth of experience and expertise they bring with them.

Well done to all excellent staff and thank you for everything you do

Congratulations to all finalists in our annual #TeamSFH Staff Excellence Awards, a fantastic night celebrating staff nominated for demonstrating our Care values.

All finalists have all shown their compassion and dedication to caring for patients and each other and we are proud of what they – and, indeed, everyone who is part of #TeamSFH – have achieved during these challenging times.

Choosing a “winner” is always difficult and this year we had more than 400 nominations for individuals and teams across our three sites, which made it even harder but from all the finalists, the Chair's award had to go to our Critical Care Team for their incredible commitment to caring for our most seriously ill patients and the ability to adapt to extraordinary demand as the Covid-19 pandemic continues.

Full details of the other finalists and category winners is available on our website under [Staff Excellence Awards](#).

Congratulations to both our HSJ health awards finalists

Well done to #TeamSFH's Climate Action Team and our Proud2bOps team who were both finalists in the prestigious HSJ (Health Service Journal) Awards.

To have two teams in the finals, mixing with the best the NHS has to offer, is a fantastic endorsement of everything they have achieved.

The Climate Action Team is made up of champions who help the rest of us to become as environmentally friendly as possible by reducing consumption, cutting waste and switching to less harmful energy sources across our sites. The team, led by Dr Helena Clements and Kimberley Cannon, was shortlisted in the Environmental Sustainability category for our Green Plan. Achievements, so far, include introducing re-useable sharps bins, which has saved an estimated 26 tonnes of plastic and reduced our carbon emissions by more than 77 tonnes.

The Proud2bOps team at Sherwood Forest, led by our Director of Culture and Improvement, Emma Challans, is part of a national network of senior operational leaders working to improve joined up working across NHS and care organisations and they were shortlisted in the Partnership of the Year category.

Congratulations to all involved - #TeamSFH is rightly proud of everything you are doing!

To find out more about Climate Action at Sherwood, please visit: <https://bit.ly/SFHClimateAction>

Double cot reduces stress for intensive care twins

Another example of great patient and family-centre care is our new double cot for twins being cared for in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The special cot, funded through Sherwood Forest Hospitals Charity, means we can keep newborn children together, just like in the womb. Research shows that when twin babies are kept close they're more likely to have a stable heart rate because their stress levels are lower, which helps with their recovery. It's also better for parents as it keeps their babies together.

More services available at Newark Hospital as investment continues

Our £5m investment in services at Newark Hospital continues with more surgical procedures being delivered from the site.

Since the beginning of 2020 we have invested in the site and equipment as well as additional staffing and clinical supplies to develop and enhance services so we can deliver more care closer to the people of Newark.

More about the Newark Strategy Transformation Programme can be found in a video [here](#).

A full Directory of Services for Newark can be found here - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/newark-hospital/>

Volunteer and charity activity

Congratulations and a huge thank you on behalf of #TeamSFH to Diane Kerry, who has been volunteering at King's Mill Hospital for 45 years. We also recognised the contribution made by five of our volunteers at Newark Hospital who have each clocked up more than 25 years.

In total during December, 42 volunteers will be presented and recognised for their amazing contribution to the NHS – 540 years of service.

What an incredible contribution to patients and families of our communities over so many years. Thank you.

Membership summary

In November, following strict guidelines, our Governors returned to indoor events with two Meet Your Governor sessions at King's Mill Hospital. While mainly positive, feedback included one concern from an Audiology patient with no internet connection who had to make six telephone calls to switch a video call to an in-person appointment.

Our public membership total currently stands at 14,649.